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STEEL: 750,000 still out as Philip Murray, CIO and Steel union chief declares: "My move has been made. My obligation has been fulfilled. I have carried through my commitment to the people of this country."

FARM EQUIPMENT: 30,000 CIO United Equipment Farm Workers hold lines at 11 Harvester plants.

PACKING: 300,000 packinghouse workers take "their picket lines back into the plant" ending strike as CIO leaders win government pledge to guarantee pay raise.

ELECTRICAL: UE wins 17½-cent raise at RCA, Camden, N. J., for 8,000 workers. Jersey City court grants temporary injunction at Westinghouse plant, even as national officers announce determination "for a long struggle for a living wage" for 200,000 CIO workers out at GE, Westinghouse and GM Electromotives.

AUTO: CIO Auto Workers greet Ford and Chrysler raise increase but alert to jokers in contract. Solid lines keep GM plants closed.

These Vets March for Freedom Again



AN HISTORIC PICTURE: Negro vets in Birmingham protest, mass on the steps of the Jefferson County Courthouse. They paraded through the main streets of Birmingham before going to the Board of Registrars to demand that they be registered as voters. The lily-white board turned them down. Second from right, front row, is Louis Burnham, organizational secretary of the Southern Negro Youth Congress, which organized the demonstration.

UE Wins 17½c for 8,000 in RCA; Ford Raise OK, But Any Jokers?

By WILLIAM ALLAN

DETROIT, Jan. 27.—The imminent threat of a strike in Ford to be followed in Chrysler resulted in a break Saturday in the lineup of the Big 3 in the auto industry against the union, when Chrysler which operated without a union contract for two months granted an 18½ cent an hour increase and the re-signing of the old contract.

In the recent period, the citywide General Motor Strike Committee of the UAW appealed to the international union to spread the strike.

In the Ford picture the union negotiating committee is recommending the acceptance of the proposal of the Ford Motor Co. of 18 cents an hour wage increase, though there was no revealing of any other terms attached to the wage offer.

In the light of day the key concern in Ford worker circles is what, if any, provisions the company may have attached to the wage offer in view of the repeated insistence by the company for penalties under a so-called security plan and demands for increased production.

The Ford Local 600 General Council and the Highland Park Ford local, recently demanded almost unanimously the withdrawal of any and all "security proposals" to which the top union negotiators had earlier agreed without consulting the membership.

The proposed agreement in Chrysler and Ford has in no way weakened the insistence of GM strikers for their demands for the full 19½ cents recommended by the Federal government.

Rather, developments in Chrysler and Ford have encouraged the GM strikers in their convictions that their just demands can be fully won.

Cacchione Raps City Bias to AFL

Councilman Peter V. Cacchione, Kings Communist, yesterday described as an act of discrimination "entirely unfitting a city official," the special order of Commissioner William J. Powell recognizing only AFL leaders in the Department of Sanitation.

The CIO State, County & Municipal Workers, which claims to represent the majority of Sanitation Department employees, has protested the Commissioner's ruling and is demanding a collective bargaining poll there.

Cacchione said the department should permit the election and that Mayor O'Dwyer should agree with the union on arrangements for a free and impartial election.

Meat Workers Back, Will Hold Gov't to Pay Pledge

By CARL HIRSCH

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—An about-face by the Administration on the wage issue restored production in the meat packing industry, and striking workers will go back into the plants tomorrow with a promise of victory under their belts.

Jubilant packinghouse workers decided to return to their jobs when they were assured by Secretary of Agriculture Anderson that they will receive substantial wage increases. The packinghouse workers made their decision 12 hours after an order for government seizure went into effect last Saturday morning. The CIO United Packinghouse Workers Union had taken a clear-cut position that—seizure or no seizure—they would not work without guarantees of suitable wage increases.

When the 12:01 a. m. seizure hour came and went, and there was still no return to work—only redoubled picket lines—Secretary Anderson sent the CIO union a telegram promising to make effective the report of the fact-finding panel on wage increases.

Up to that time, however, the Administration had not budged from the edict announced by President Truman that "the workers would have to return at current wages, with no guarantees that the fact-finding recommendation would be enforced."

UNION DETERMINED

However, the union made it clear today that the strike is not finally over unless:

1. The wage recommendation by the fact-finding panel is approved by the union.
2. The Administration carries out its promise to make the wage increase stick.

A statement adopted unanimously the national wage-policy conference of the UPWA declared:

"The workers are not calling off their strike. We desire that it be clearly understood that the return to work under these circumstances will be for a sufficient period to enable the government to comply with its commitments."

Final sessions of the fact-finding panel were scheduled to be held this week. The union's wage-policy committee will then be reconvened to act on final settlement of the strike or a new walkout.

The turn in the meat packing situation was seen here as an important gain, signifying the following:

1. That the Administration is now committed to enforcing a substantial wage increase on the packers.
2. That the pattern of strike-breaking by federal seizure as set in the recent oil strike has been broken.

District Director Herb March of



Parked Not Junked: While they demand action at the State Capitol at Harrisburg, vets of Pennsylvania pile their placards on the steps of the building. However, they'll pick them up again and again until their demands, presented to State Secretary of Labor Chestnut in the absence of Governor Martin, for unemployment compensation for striking veterans, bonuses and immediate housing for the families of ex-servicemen are met.

the UPWA declared:

"We're taking our picket lines inside the plant on Monday morning, with the clear understanding that if the Administration reneges on its promises, they will go back out again."

The declaration of the national UPWA conference of some 300 delegates from all districts and locals further stated:

"We renew the requests made to the President of the United States calling for the establishment of the industry as a public utility and demanding a complete investigation of the industry now that the government is in possession and operation of its facilities."

The conference further backed up the demand of CIO President

Philip Murray that the carry-back and carry-forward provisions of the tax law "which have become anti-democratic weapons in the hands of the big corporations, be repealed."

New Orleans CP Blasts Filibuster

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 27.—New Orleans Communists today denounced the present filibuster in the Senate against a permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee. Issuance of the statement came from the New Orleans CP Election Committee of the State Committee. The group also announced its support of the strikes in the steel, auto, electrical and food industries.

A 17½-cent raise for 8,000 electrical workers was won yesterday by the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers in negotiations with the Victor division of the Radio Corporation of America, Camden, N. J.

Final ratification is now before the union membership.

Aside from the 17½ cents, the settlement provides retroactivity to Oct. 7, 1945, six holidays with pay and extension of the contract until Oct. 7, 1946. The contract contains a no-strike provision.

A statement issued jointly by James J. Matles, CIO-UE director of organization, and General David Sarnoff, president of RCA, pointed out that:

"Of the 17½ cent increase, five cents is being used by mutual agreement for the purpose of adjusting wage rates and classification. In addition, a pending War Labor Board case was settled by mutual agreement which provides for payment of \$150,000."

The negotiations, carried for three months, were headed by Fred Wilson, RCA personnel manager, and the negotiating committee of Local 103, CIO-UE, whose president is John Leto. Matles and Sarnoff entered the conferences in the concluding stages.

Asks Shipyard Parley Probed

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 27.—A demand that CIO president Philip Murray probe the "crookedly run" convention of the Industrial Union of Marine & Shipbuilders of America is being made by CIO shipbuilders here.

Members of the union's Local 59 joined union brothers in Camden, N. J., Philadelphia, Baltimore, Chester, Pa., and New York City in condemning the convention as machine-dominated, and Sam Carothers, executive secretary, wrote Murray asking national CIO intervention.

The convention, held in Atlantic City two weeks ago, was "crookedly run, constitutionally violated and falsely-counted," said a Local 59 resolution. It protested the "dumping" of Philip Van Gelder, international secretary-treasurer just returned from army service, and said his defeat was engineered by "machine-dominated machinations" which used "boss-type red-herrings."

STRIKE POSSIBLE

Local 59 may be forced to strike against the Miami Shipbuilding Corp., which is defying a War Labor Board order. Harold E. Loomis, company receiver, made the company defiance plain. He said:

"We do not feel obligated to comply with orders of the War Labor Board."

The WLB directive, handed down last September, requires double pay for Saturday, Sunday, holiday and overtime work, retroactive to June 23 last.

The union is also demanding a 17½ cent an hour wage boost. This has been won in other CIO shipyards in the area.

GIs Go By Cab—LA to Cincinnati

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 26 (UP).—Eddie Hamud, Los Angeles taxi driver, today completed a round trip to Cincinnati, Ohio, which began Jan. 12, carrying full loads of servicemen each way.

Hamud said he drove the entire distance himself and experienced no trouble on the road.

Ask Vice Raid on Western Union Bldg.

By JOHN MELDON

Joseph P. Selly, president of the CIO union leading the Western Union strike revealed yesterday he had asked Mayor O'Dwyer to enter the company's main building at 60 Hudson St. and look for scabs and strikebreakers, male and female, behaving in indecent and disorderly fashion.

In other words, Selly said he had asked the mayor "to raid the joint." "I told the mayor," Selly told newsmen, "that we strongly suspect a real investigation of the premises, conducted without prior notice to the company any night, would reveal shocking, improper and indecent behavior by the scabs and strikebreakers including company officials."

Selly said the CIO American Communications Association in charge of the walkout, has af-

fidavits to back up its charges.

He said it is common knowledge that scabs enter and leave the building drunk very often trying to provoke pickets into a fight and that many of the scabs sleep over in the building.

The union leader meanwhile announced that the New York Chapter of the Lawyers Guild is preparing to appear before Supreme Court Justice Benedict W. Dineen tomorrow, Tuesday, under amicus curiae (friend of the court) proce-

dures when the union is haled in court on an injunction-seeking move by Western Union.

Abraham Unger, executive secretary of the guild, in the meantime issued a statement saying "we are confident that the courts, acting pursuant to the anti-injunction laws of the state, will refuse to permit themselves to be used as tools of the company to break the strike."

Mr. Unger, on behalf of the lawyers group, termed the company move as "a reversion to the tactics

of the robber barons of American industry of 1890." The Western Union firm is seeking an injunction to outlaw picketing in the walkout.

Selly said he had a long talk with Mayor O'Dwyer Saturday afternoon at which time he protested against the heavy police mobilization and the presence of "storm troopers" whom he identified as mounted police. He charged the company with violations of city ordinances and of provocations against peaceful pickets by professional strikebreakers.

"I am satisfied the mayor intends to do something about it," Selly said.

Sen. Myers Bill Will Aid Striking Vets

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Sen. Francis J. Myers (D-Pa.) announced today that he would introduce legislation in the Senate which would repeal the anti-strike provision of the GI Bill of Rights and would permit striking veterans in Pennsylvania to receive benefits under the GI Bill of Rights.

"Congress and the President,"

Senator Myers explained, "in enacting the GI Bill of Rights, never intended that it be used as an instrument for depriving the veteran of the rights which other American citizens are entitled to. It was drafted to supplement, not hinder, these rights. It was drafted to aid and give special consideration to the veteran for the immeasurable sacrifices made by him on behalf of his country."

"Yet the effect of section 800 (b) of the GI Bill of Rights has been to interfere with the veterans right to join a union and participate in its activities. This right is basic to all Americans. Section 800 (b) states that a veteran is 'disqualified from receiving an allowance' (readjustment allowance) if it is found that 'his unemployment is due to a stoppage of work that exists because of a labor dispute.'"

"The veteran is thus faced with the alternative of either joining a union and risking GI allowances, should a union strike, or removing himself from all union activities. Congress never intended that the GI Bill of Rights dictate to the veteran in such terms."

3 Die, Many Homeless in Fire At Old-Law, High Profit Slum

By LOLA PAINE

Fire, devouring the hollow walls of an East Side tenement yesterday, destroyed three lives and sent hundreds of terrified tenants to flimsy fire escapes when the main staircase crumbled in flame and smoke. The building is an "old law" tenement which, as defined by state law, does not have fire resistant staircases and walls, safety exits from all apartments and other improvements now required by legislation. Interior airshafts, such as the one through which



Machine Is Mental Genius: This Antennalyzer, as it's called, just reveals in logarithms and runs through a trig. or Einsteinian equation like a guy on a spree. At least that's what its inventor George H. Brown, research engineer at Princeton, thinks. He's shown looking at the screw and bolt quiz kid at an engineers' meeting here.

20 Die as Fires Hit Major Cities

At least 20 persons lost their lives today in fires in five major cities as a cold wave swept across the nation, buried part of the east in snow, and sent temperatures diving to 21 degrees below zero in upstate New York.

With icy temperatures numbing firemen's fingers and freezing hose streams, an epidemic of early Sunday fires hit Kansas City, Mo., St. Louis, Charleston, W. Va., New York City and Chicago.

Largest loss of life was at Kansas City, where 11 persons, including five children were burned to death when a blaze began in a clothes closet and raced through a ramshackle, three-story building being used as a rooming house. Twenty persons were injured and another 50 made homeless.

A fire which wrecked the three-story, 50-room Alpine Hotel in an old section of downtown St. Louis caused four deaths.

In the poor lower East Side district of New York City, two middle-aged women and a man died when a fire broke out in the second-floor rear hall of an "old-law" tenement house and quickly spread to three other tenements.

Most spectacular blaze was in Charleston, W. Va., where ten buildings were destroyed and an estimated \$1,000,000 worth of damage done by a quickly-spreading fire in the downtown district.

In Chicago, where the temperature was one below zero at the time, fire swept up the stairwell of an apartment building, two women were killed and a third injured.

Scabs Cause Arrest Of 5 Steel Strikers

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 27 (UP).—Five men were arrested today as a result of violence at the Hughes Tool Company plant where CIO steel workers are on strike.

Two non-strikers who claimed they were beaten by four men, lodged charges against the steel workers.

the blaze shot up, are not permitted in newer buildings.

The dead, charred beyond immediate recognition, were taken from their beds at 277 Madison St. to Bellevue, where they awaited identification by relatives.

They were a man and a woman, both about 45, who occupied a first floor rear apartment, and a woman, about 55, who lived above them.

Cause of the fire, which ate swiftly and deeply into the rotten, straw-like, six-story building, was undetermined. It is believed the blaze started in a second floor, rear hall bedroom and from there shot up and down an airshaft, quickly spreading through windows on the shaft to apartments on succeeding floors. The conflagration then spread to equally dilapidated buildings on both sides of 277.

The fire, bringing in three full hook and ladder companies, started about 9 a.m., according to occupants in the building. A dog's barking first attracted the attention of some of the tenants who rushed to safety and shouted the alarm to neighbors.

Louis Belkin, kosher butcher who lived with his wife, Minnie, in a second floor front apartment, told the Daily Worker.

"I only know somebody gave a scream. I was sitting reading a paper. I opened the door and saw the smoke as soon as I looked. I went with my wife to the front fire escape."

The Belkins have lived in the building for 12 years. They said the owners changed so fast, they never knew to whom they were paying rent. They were interviewed in the house of tenants across the street.

Other tenants were reported as suffering from shock. An unidentified woman was taken to a hospital for treatment of burns. Among those carried to safety from the building was a bedridden mother, Mrs. Teresa Perry, 23, and her two children. Firemen used 85-foot ladders in the rescue, bringing the blaze under control in approximately 45 minutes.

A tenant told the Daily Worker that a fireman had said: "If this had happened at night about 50 people would have died." With the main staircase completely collapsed, the halls filled with smoke, and panicky tenants rushing the weak fire escapes at night, this might have turned into a far greater disaster.

One veteran will have no home to come back to. As the firemen poured water into the building, they did not touch a red, white and blue sign, draped with flags, that said, "Welcome Home, Bill."

A fourth victim of a fire here was the four-month-old daughter of Mrs. Lucille Thompson, Negro, who burned to death in a Harlem apartment.

The blaze started with the explosion of an oil stove which enveloped the room with flames before the mother could reach the child. Mrs. Thompson was taken to a hospital suffering from burns.

We Hate to Say It—But Women DO Drink

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27 (UP).—San Francisco's Public Health director, Dr. J. C. Geiger, had a problem of chivalry on his hands—but statistics will out.

"Alcoholism," he whispered, "showed a greater upswing among women than it did among men during 1945."

New 'Pro-Soviet' Iran Premier Anything But: Has Phony Record

Iran's newly-appointed Premier, Ahmed Ghawam Sultaneh, widely heralded as "pro-Soviet," is nothing of the sort, the Daily Worker learned yesterday. Although Ghawam may be impelled to negotiate directly with the Soviet Union regarding the anti-Soviet charges made by the preceding government, here is his record:

In 1919 he and Vossugh-od-Dowleh signed a secret agreement with British authorities which would have made Iran virtually a colony of Great Britain, had not the deal—which involved a \$500,000 bribe—been stopped by popular demonstrations.

In 1941 he came into the political limelight again when the British maneuvered him into the premiership as a possible "strong man" capable of quelling the rising coalition of people's parties—the Tudeh.

His first act was to foment a "revolt" by hoodlums, known in Iran as the "window pane" revolution. The idea was to pin the responsibility on Tudeh, and provide a pretext for ending parliamentary government. The scheme boomeranged, because the liberal press caught on, which precipitated the fall of Ghawam's cabinet.

When Ghawam's name was plugged by the right wing press a year ago as a possible premier "acceptable" to the Soviet Union, liberal Teheran newspapers explained the rumors in this way:

Iranian reactionaries and their imperialist overlords would put Ghawam with the pretended pro-Sovietism, in office, and when he had "failed" according to plan to reach an agreement with the Soviet Union, they would scream that "he did his best to satisfy the Russians but could not sacrifice his country's honor."

Pravda Cites Iran's Anti-Soviet Intrigue

MOSCOW, Jan. 27 (UP).—The Moscow newspaper Pravda today expressed "serious concern" over events in southern Iran, where it

Sultaneh Elected Iranian Premier

TEHERAN, Iran, Jan. 27 (UP).—Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlevi confirmed the election of Ahmed Ghawam Sultaneh as new premier at 11 a.m. today.

said tribes were reported arming and settlements were under attack by hands operating from neighboring Iraq.

Pravda cited an editorial of the Jan. 21 London Times which it said called attention to signs that irresponsible elements were attempting to use the first session of the United Nations General Assembly for an anti-Soviet demonstration. The Soviet publication linked this with Iran's complaint to the Security Council over alleged Soviet interference in Iranian affairs.

"It is unnecessary to add that if the last gesture of (former Premier Ebrahim) Hakimi's government, or of those who stood behind it, was intended as a demonstration against the Soviet Union, it again exposes those irresponsible groups in Iran who engaged in anti-Soviet propaganda and who are trying to restore the times of Reza Shah," said Pravda.

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End Colonial Status, Cuba Asks

By SAM CARR
Special to the Daily Worker

HAVANA, Jan. 24 (Delayed).—The third national convention of the Popular Socialist Party of Cuba opened here today.

Blas Roca, Party leader, said that the Cuban people must continue to struggle for the economic independence of the country.

Cuba, he asserted, must be changed from a country depending mainly on the sugar crop to a country with a diversified industrial development.

The Party raised a series of demands such as the possibility of selling sugar at best prices on the world market and better arrangements of reciprocity with the United States, he said.

The Party asks for the organization of a Cuban merchant marine, opening the possibility for great trade with other countries of the world.

The Party demands establishment of a Cuban national bank.

Roca declared that Rafael Grau San Martin's government is democratic and is proceeding along progressive lines.

The Cuban Party, he declared, must continue to develop constructive criticism and pressure against a combination of reactionary forces which are preparing to replace the present President with a new reactionary lineup in the 1948 election.

The Party calls for the liberation of Spain from Franco, he said, and insists that Cuba back the Spanish people's battle by refusing Franco's bribes of greater tobacco imports from Cuba.

Fraternal Delegates

The Cuban daily-reported the following fraternal delegates attending the Congress:

William Z. Foster, from the United States; Dionisio Encinas, of Mexico; Sam Carr, Canada; Diogenes Arruda of Brazil; Santos Rivera of Puerto Rico, and Puebla of Chile.

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Roca greeted the achievements of Cuba's working class, which include one month vacation with pay, wage increases and greater unionization.

Disturbances of friendly relations between Cuba and the USSR were condemned by the Congress.

The Congress demanded a better life for peasants—rural housing credits, abolition of the great landed estates.

Previous acceptance of Browderism was extensively criticized by the Congress, which pledged to develop greater Party preparations for the June elections for municipalities and half of the national parliament.

Fraternal delegations are attending the Congress from the USA, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Puerto Rico and Mexico. Seven hundred delegates, alternates and visitors are in attendance from Cuba itself.

The Farmer and the Picket ---

Making 'Pigs' Feet' Walk the Line

By MERIDEL Le SUEUR
Special Daily Worker Strike Correspondent
Author of "North Star Country"

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 27.—I was out in the country on Sunday and the farmers are having to feed held stock on the farm the corn and oats which they need and which, they fear will not put one extra penny per pound on the price they will get for the animal.

Radio announcement come over every hour saying that somebody is paying exorbitant prices for beef in Chicago, above market price and the OPA opines that nobody can sell the meat and make a profit unless it goes to the black market. More OPA men are put on. Meat is getting scarce everywhere except on farms where it piles up on the hoof.

Cattle towns in North and South Dakota are completely tied up even the people who run the lunch room counters out of work. Housewives bakers, soap makers, cattle raisers, cowboys, men in the Army, railroad men as well as farmers are embroiled in this sea of speculation about the packing industry.

TRUSTS FEAR UNITY

If there is one thing the monopolies shudder at its farmer-labor unity. But in the case of the packing industry the farmer is beginning to realize packer profits, so fabulous, come out of him and the packing house worker.

The CIO Farm Equipment Union has begun a splendid educational program. Many farmers work in the packing plants and in farm implement plants to make ends meet on the farm—as wage workers in these season-



MERIDEL LE SUEUR

al plants often work on farms to eke out a living in slack time in seasonal industry.

With this kind of intercourse it soon becomes clear to the wage earner that the farmer is not the boy who is putting the price of meat up that he can barely pay for the feet that fattens the pork chops. And the farmer found out that he was paid low wages under speed up to make farm equipment that he later, as consumer paid outrageous prices for.

A LETTER TO FARMERS

The Packinghouse Workers bulletin *The Meat of It* beams an issue to the farmers and is finding its way into thousands of farm homes. This bulletin says: "Unless workers' families can afford to buy beefsteak and pork chops as well as soup bones and pigs' feet, then the farmer soon gets in a bad way. His prices fall and in a few years, or even months, he loses his farm or is forced to hang on for dear life with his own family's standard of living knocked to pieces."

A leaflet called "A Packinghouse worker writes an open letter to the farmer," has been in such demand the local in South St. Paul has sent out 5,000 to farm organizations and there is still demand for more. This letter begins: "You've probably been wondering why we packinghouse workers are on strike. It's hard to understand especially since you've heard so much about the 'high wages' we're supposed to be getting. We wish it were all true. High wages would make strikes unnecessary. And nobody wants a strike. Nobody wants it less than the packinghouse workers."

It goes on to explain then the myth of high wages. And that the packinghouse workers have also been told a myth—"That the farmers are wallowing in war created wealth. That every farmer is a small capitalist with a stranglehold on the public, milking endless profits out of the people, jacking up prices on food and manipulating the markets."

EXPLODING SOME MYTHS

The leaflet says that neither myth is true, that both the worker and the farmer are suffering a long drought, that farm income is predicted to drop 15 percent or three billion dollars in the coming year. This is a smoke screen, the leaflet says, from the mills of Big Business. The smoke screen hides Big Business which is the real menace, the real conspirator, manipulating the market

collapse of the farmers, and the wage slashes of the workers. So they have the same basic interests and are the chief customers for each others product.

"Farm prices are hitched to workers' wage levels like a team to a plow." But between, the driver of team and plow is the Meat Packing Trust, playing one against the other, playing a two-faced game, crying to the farmer that they can't pay fair prices for stock because of labor costs, crying to the workers they can't pay a living wage because the farmers are demanding such high prices for livestock. And everyone being plowed under as consumer by the high prices.

This is good stuff. It goes on logically to show the packers' huge profits, how the workers' pay has gone down and still dropping, what workers have to pay in living costs, the manpower shortage which holds up farmers' stock and loses him thousands of dollars in weight shrinkage of waiting animals, how the hog market was cut in two in 1945 because of labor shortages which could have been cured by higher wages!

"We don't want a strike," the packinghouse worker says to the farmer, and he tells how the union tried to deal with the Big Four, and the answers they got similar to the answer farmers often get—"Go home and slop your pigs!" How the highest packer offer is seven and one-half cents which is adding insult to injury.

FOR WORKER AND FARMER

"We realize the strike may mean some hardship for you but we would have gladly avoided it. The strike will mean a period of extreme hardship for those of us who depend on the Meat Trust for jobs to feed and clothe our families. We will do everything we can to take care of your livestock in the yards. We need your cooperation."

"We ask you, not to fall for phony propaganda that the 'poor' packers will lower prices paid for livestock as a means of paying us higher wage rates. We maintain that the packers CAN and MUST pay BOTH the livestock producers and the packinghouse workers enough for decent family living."

They appeal to the farmer to put the pressures he can on his Congressmen and Senators. "Make it clear to the packers and to your elected representatives in Congress that you have a stake in this fight."

"What helps the worker helps the farmers. Very truly yours, A Packinghouse Worker."

Cows, Eggs and Honey Fight GE

By BEN FIELD, Special Daily Worker Strike Correspondent
Author of *The Outer Leaf and Piper Tompkins*

SCHENECTADY, Jan. 27.—My first job as a hand was on a farm 30 miles from here. The farmer had four boys helping him, I the oldest, and he worked us hard and fed us poorly. He became a local big shot in time, a politician, got rid of his cows, and made money raising game and show birds.

North of the village in which this man operates lies Schoharie County where farmers are made of different stuff. Here the Farmers' Union, having heard of the strike at the GE plant, lost no time ringing the church bells and rushing help to the workers in their fight.

They drove to the union headquarters with two trucks bearing gifts of onions,

eggs, coffee, crates of poultry and a cow. First crack out of the box, they made a beeline for the plant gates, but they were taken in tow by a committee and brought back to the kitchen to be fed a hot meal.

THE FARMERS JOIN IN

The grateful strikers milled around, and from the hall came the sound of the jukebox, the wrangling of some steamed up, but still friendly pinocle players, and the booming voice of Billy Mastriani, captain of the picket captains bawling the shirt off one of his boys.

In the heat and clang of the headquarters where this strike, so remarkable in various ways, is being machined, the farm people gave testimony to the spirit and faith which made them give up their day to help their city brothers.

The group consists of Art Decker, Alfred Mead, William Briggs, Vincent Stewart. Briggs starts off. He has 22 cows and runs a farm of 150 acres at Gilboa. He is followed by Art Decker, who has given up dairying to follow the chickens. Decker is

a lean man with a stoned-down face and a twinkle in the eye. The farmer who plumbs their points and sets them firmly in the mind is Alf Mead, a big, hearty man, a leader in the farm organization.

"When it comes to battling the trusts, we farmers can appreciate what you are doing. We've been battling the milk trust long as I can remember. We honor the laboring people for fighting the trusts down the line for a decent wage. By the good God, if they don't get a good living, we're in the ditch. Take the subsidy on milk. The government was going to cut it out and we'd be on our backs again and the price to the consumer would be jacked up again. But the subsidy has been extended. Do you know why?"

He puts his big brown fists on the table and leaps forward. "It's been extended because the politicians fear us, fear you city people would get up on your hind legs. This fight of labor is putting the fear of God into them. It helps us. And the thing that's always with us, the thing we'll never forget is the help labor and

the CIO gave us when we were on strike in '30!"

The farmers won that strike, and I can remember the woods at the foot of the Hawks Nest overlooking the Delaware River where in the group of men, bound with an iron determination to stop the scab milk, were several workers, union men, there to help rout the common enemy.

Alf Mead rose with his friends to hasten to the picket line. He keeps bees, 42 hives of them, and says with a little angry growl at himself, "I could have brought a pot of honey here. We'll come again and bring the honey. What we got in the truck is a heifer. She's a two-year old, ain't been bred yet, but she'll give sweeter meat and less waste. The cow we first had in mind was too wild to get into the truck."

They bring in the crates of poultry. Cackles and feathers and dust. Then they go down to the gates with bossy.

The cow dressed 400 pounds and the chickens are in the soup pot.



BEN FIELD

Nazi Propaganda Eats Into GI Ranks

By JOSEPH CLARK

The first day we heard the screaming meemies play their six-barreled purple heart blues the men in my company hated Nazis like they never hated anything before.

That was the day we went into the line in the beautiful Vosges mountains of France. A kind word for the Germans was as rare as a sunny day in eastern France in the Fall of '44.

We pushed on and began to encounter slave laborers reduced to an animal existence by the Germans. Later the men visited concentration camps soon after they were liberated.

American soldiers who fought the German army had no use for the Nazis and all they stood for.

Now the war is over. An "authoritative source" has released the results of a poll taken

last Fall among American troops stationed in Germany. The majority of those queried seem to know the score.

SOME ALARMING NOTES

Eighty percent favored occupation of Germany for 10 years by United Nations troops.

Seventy-one percent said they believed the U.S. Military Government was not tough enough with Nazis. Sixty-one percent thought M. G. wasn't tough enough with ordinary Germans.

But there is reason for alarm in the number who said they believed the Germans under Hitler had "good

reasons" for the persecution of Jews. Twenty-two percent were of that opinion. Another 10 percent were undecided on German anti-Semitism.

Nineteen percent believed Germany had justification for starting the war, and 11 percent were not sure.

Thirty percent said they liked the Germans better than the French or English.

What happened between the time those screaming meemies came over our lines and when this poll was taken?

WHERE'S THE BLAME?

Who is responsible for the widespread anti-Semitism and racial prejudice within our Army? Whom shall we blame for the spread of Hitlerite propaganda within our

armed forces?

The commercial press which reported the results of the poll had little comment to make. The Army has shown no alarm and has done exactly nothing so far.

The war we fought was a struggle against the forces of fascism. In such a just war it was logical for the Army to put out anti-fascist educational material. Excellent films were made, entitled, "Why we Fight." Orientation material was issued in many theaters which nailed fascism, racial and religious prejudice, for what it was.

THE PROPAGANDA

But what happened? A hue and cry was raised by the Hearst press and the Patterson-McCormack Axis press. Those responsible for issuing

good educational material were attacked.

Throughout the Army Reader's Digest was circulated almost as an official publication. The Digest carried material justifying a soft peace with Germany. It vilified our allies, especially the Soviet Union.

The fine material issued by the (Continued on Page 9)

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After 91 Years: a New WU Message

By BETH McHENRY

Western Union workers' fight became an open strike just 3 weeks ago. But the dispute at issue is two years old.

Since Tuesday, Jan. 8 some 7,000 Western Union employees have barred entry to the company's building at 60 Hudson St. They've held down that line through snow, ice and rain, through midnight, daybreak and noon.

They are fighting against union busting, with Western Union Company in Sewell Avery's seat, or in Franco's.

The proof is in the record.

Since 1944 the American Communications Association (ACA) has been negotiating its present demands with the company. Meager demands, they are, too, 10 cents an hour pay increase, improved conditions, a better pension plan. Small stuff, actually, to a corporation whose "unappropriated surplus" in 1944 alone was \$61,602,195.

But small demands or no, Western Union has been determined from the start not to bargain collectively with its employees. The dispute went to the War Labor Board. The Regional Board granted the union's demands, but the company refused to accept the decision. It appealed to the National WLB and this time the wily corporation made sure of its friends. Collusion between public members of the Board and the company was proven by ACA even before the Board's decision was handed down—wiping out the gains granted by the Regional Board.

The union offered arbitration. Mayor O'Dwyer stepped in with a plan which the union accepted and the company rejected.

With all of a greedy corporation's hatred and contempt for the men and women whose work piles up its profits, the WESTERN UNION COMPANY WANTED THIS STRIKE.

For four years this "benevolent" public service, whom the government has made rich and powerful (permitting mergers, granting monopoly "rights" for telegraphic traffic across the world) has been planning this strike, meaning to starve out the workers and erase ACA's name from the map.

91 YEARS OF DOMINANCE

Before ACA came into the picture four years ago, Western Union had 91 uninterrupted years of browbeating its employees, firing them at will, speeding them up beyond endurance, cutting their wages at intervals, spying, coercing intimidation. There's not an industrial relations crime to which Western Union can't put up a 100 percent, A plus record.

They beat the old out of their pension plans and robbed children of their growth (they're still fighting the Child Labor amendment to



Solidarity Defeated Them: In a graphic demonstration of their strike-breaking proclivities New York's "finest" provocatively try to break-up the mass picket line at Western Union's downtown headquarters, called by the City CIO in a reply to police intervention there Friday. The results? Five thousand N. Y. unionists show up and scab activity was particularly quiet.

the Fair Labor Standards Act).

They paid Pinkerton, Burns, Bergeon, Railway Audit and all the other labor spy outfits to keep their workers scared, docile and unorganized. They devised the most fiendish company union system and got away with it from 1918 to 1942.

But CIO came into Western Union anyway. The workers swarmed into ACA. The union fought the Western Union Co.'s unfair labor practices before the Na-

tional Labor Relations Board and won an order forcing the corporation "to cease and desist from unfair labor practice against its employees." ACA got Western Union workers their first pay raises in 15 years.

The three weeks' strike has already cost more than \$5 million dollars, an amount that would go far to satisfy the wage demands at stake.

The Western Union workers know

what's cooking. Anyone of the strikers on the picket line will tell you, "It's not the wage increase that's at stake, it's the union itself, Western Union's out to bust the ACA."

With all the mass power at hand—with mass picketing, mass pressure on the government to force Western Union to arbitrate, with mass food and money donations, labor has got to win the Western Union fight. It isn't safe not to!

Unity Stirs New York Meat Strikers

By EUGENE GORDON

Negro and white unity has given the packinghouse workers struggle a solidity and strength that no previous fight in that industry has achieved.

That unity was amply demonstrated on the New York picket lines before the big packing house offices here last week. The daily lines in front of Wilson and Co. and the United Dressed Beef Co. were 75 percent Negro.

Don Smith, chairman of the grievance committee and captain of the pickets for Local 140, United Packinghouse Workers, CIO, is typical of the Negro packinghouse workers. He's a fighting strike leader who doesn't have much time to talk to reporters. But just to watch him at work was better than an interview. We saw him in action at the West Side Strike Hall at 453 D. 40 st.

Among the strikers we talked to was William Weems, 238 W. 149 St., father of a family of five who handles sheepskins for New York butchers at 75 cents an hour. Seventeen and a half cents more won't make him rich but it will help those five children of his to eat more.

Weems is proud of the unity in this strike. He is proud of the fact that of 300 scabs who worked in the plant last week, only two were Negroes.

Mrs. Mayette Taylor, 3756 Park Ave., a widow with two children, gets 62 cents an hour in the "lamb kill" room. For her and the other 35 women who work in her plant there is no such thing as overtime.

CIO Union Opposes State Grip on USES

The national executive board of the CIO State, County & Municipal Workers, in quarterly session in New York, declared unalterable opposition to return of the U. S. Employment Service to state control now or in the future.

The board also declared support to the strike movement and promised to raise funds to support the wage fight.

Bowles Put the Heat on Truman to Hold Price Line

By ROB HALL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Credit for some of the best sections in President Truman's message to Congress goes to Price Administrator Chester Bowles, according to informed opinion here.

These include the President's recommendation for extension of price and rent controls for another year and the continuation of food subsidies. This was a notable victory for Bowles and it came after a series of setbacks and defeats which would have dispirited a lesser mortal.

Ever since the middle of 1943 when the Connecticut advertising man took over OPA, he has been hampered by insufficient appropriations and during the war by War Department intervention. The climax came recently when Chief Reconverter John W. Snyder and Economic Stabilizer John C. Collet persuaded Truman that steel prices should be upped \$4 a ton.

MEETS THE CHALLENGE

Bowles came very near resigning that day. He could find a basis, within the framework of OPA policies, to grant an increase of \$2.50. But an increase beyond that figure was without time or reason, except to appease the steel trust.

Bowles had a heart to heart talk with the President and when Truman agreed to back him up on continued rent and price controls and on an extension of the food subsidies, he decided not to resign. Friends of Bowles say that he was further influenced by the conviction that for him to quit now would weaken the fight against inflationary pressure at the moment when pressure for higher prices was greatest.

It is also true that Bowles is not without political plans of his own, and may turn up as candidate for Governor of his home state or even President. This entered into his decision.

Perhaps the victory that gave Bowles most satisfaction was securing a Presidential commitment to

keep the butter subsidy. Snyder's report which appeared simultaneously with Truman's message said that subsidies would not be retained on butter. This was in answer to a vigorous campaign by Secretary of Agriculture Clint Anderson. Under Anderson's plan, butter without subsidies would cost the consumer 18 cents more per pound by spring, and this had already been announced in the press.

Bowles insisted that subsidies should continue on butter and he won. As a result, the price will rise only 6 cents, perhaps only 3 cents per pound. Bowles believes this is not unreasonable. Butter prices were kept abnormally low during the war, he thinks, in order to provide an incentive to the dairy industry to produce cheese and dry milk for export.

Bowles insists that if you are going to hold the line, you must hold it consistently. The grant to the steel trust of \$1.50 over what OPA considered justified, rocked the price boat. Ed O'Neal, president of the Farm Bureau, who had agreed on a continuation of food subsidies, suddenly changed his position. He defended his action by referring to the steel decision.

"If steel can have it, so can food," he claimed.

Bowles has won his fight within the administration, but there is still the Congressional barrier to overcome. Sometimes it seems that Bowles has underestimated the opposition there and that he is too all-fired overconfident.

He has a healthy respect for the power of public opinion and for the ability of the labor movement. That, no doubt, would be his answer, because he feels that he is doing what the people want done.

But we cannot close this piece without a warning that unless a

real fight is waged back home, the reactionary bloc, led by the poll-taxers, will make hash of Bowles' splendid program.

Tim Buck to Speak

DETROIT, Jan. 27.—Tim Buck, national leader of the Labor-Progressive Party, Canadian Communist organization, will speak at Michigan's Lenin Memorial meeting here on Jan. 31.

The meeting will serve as a rally in support of the growing strike struggles. Other speakers include Carl Winter, state leader of the Michigan CP.

Ferries to Get Radar Equipment—Maybe

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27 (UP).

—The commuter's best alibi for tardiness went glimmering today with announcement by port officials that, according to tests, ferriers and harbor craft may make maximum speed in all weather with use of that magic gadget—radar.

When the troop-laden ferry Hayward, ran aground in a pea-soup fog recently, it was located promptly by the Army's newest radar search equipment aboard the steamer Catalina.

Now, the Port of Embarkation announced, radar is to be installed on harbor craft to enable them to navigate safely regardless of visibility.

No announcement was made as to when radar might be installed on the bay's ferries—but the handwriting was on the wall.

BROOKLYN COMMUNISTS!

Last Wednesday we pledged \$7,000 for the Communist Party to carry on its independent activities.

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A Page of Letters From Our Readers

In 1 Block--How to Get Results Urges Protests To N.Y. Press on 'Sentinel' Ads

Brooklyn, N. Y.
Editor, Daily Worker:

With the many activities in which our party is now engaged, the most effective way of working must be found. It has been the experience of the Dave Doran Youth Club that the answer, for community clubs, is in block concentration.

Two weeks ago our club distributed a leaflet, on one square block. The subject was "Get Our Boys Out of China." We advertised our meeting, at which Bernie Friedland was the principal speaker, and urged the people to send telegrams to President Truman and their Congressmen. Three days later, on a Sunday mobilization, 10 people covered this same block with telegram blanks. Sixty percent of the contacted people

responded. We collected 256 signatures along with \$25.65.

The experiences we had were priceless. We met the mother of a boy who was killed on Okinawa; a father with two sons still overseas—one in China! We approached a group of ten veterans around a candy store. No red-baiting was heard; they listened to us quietly and took our club address. The young people we spoke to, in their own homes, received us in the name of the Communist Party and responded well.

Last week we went back to the same block with a leaflet on the G.M. strike. We informed these people we'd be back on Sunday to collect food for the striking workers. Seventeen members of our club devoted an hour Sunday

morning to this task. Three hundred and ten cans of food and \$28 in cash was collected. An overcoat was contributed by the brother of a soldier killed in action! Many of the people whose bells we rang were ready for us with their canned food already wrapped. One man opened his grocery store to give us some cans.

These people know us now, and we are beginning to know them. We know which homes have youths, workers and veterans, and have made several good contacts.

We are convinced that this block concentration plan is the best way of activating the greatest number of people in the clubs and making the community branches become real, fighting Communist Party clubs.

DAVE DORAN YOUTH CLUB.

Public Support of Strikers Reaches High Level

Wellington, Ohio.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I honestly do not believe that many people are aware of how significant is the large support behind the different strikes throughout the country. I have been in two teamster strikes and the railroad strike of 1922, but no action was taken by the mass of people then as is the case now.

When the priests and ministers tell their congregations they are going on the picket line, that is something new. Farmers are bringing in truck after truck load of produce for the strikers, and the small business men are furnishing them free groceries. GI Joe's are marching in the picket line even though big business thought it could use them to help break the strikes, as it used the American Legion in some cases after World War I. Now at least some of the Legion officials are giving talks to and backing up the strikers. Many of the white collar workers and fraternal organizations are donating thousands of dollars in money to the strikers. This is something that never happened before except to a small extent.

If the financial interests decide to carry their resistance to a finish, it is hard to tell what may happen. The people of this country have advanced considerably in their thinking and ideas. I thought we had enough level-headed financiers to hold the more reactionary of their members in check and not let them go so far as to endanger their own heads. I hope enough of them will finally see the light.

WILLIAM L.

THE SHOWDOWN BATTLE

Norfolk, Va.

Editor, Daily Worker:

President Truman's picturesque fireside speech came just about twenty-four hours after the whole

Industrial life of Stamford, Conn. was brought to a complete standstill when CIO and AFL workers joined the machinists who were forced to strike against company intolerance. It indicated that the good people of Stamford are not to be misled by fancy double talk even if it does come from the White House.

With General Motors spearheading the drive to destroy the unions, and with the deadline of steel and electric workers to come out on strike fast approaching, it means that the long expected showdown between the billionaires and the workers is just around the corner. The money trusts exploited the workers for profits in excess of five billion dollars during the war. It is only natural for them to expect the workers to be kicked around further. The workers are not striking for a raise in wages actually. It is for maintaining their wartime take home pay in the face of a reduction from forty-eight hours or more per week to that of forty. If the moguls of the trusts had the brains of a fly they should know that unless the workers are allowed the same ratio in purchasing power, which is status quo, they are merely digging a slow grave for themselves.

We shall see other cities, larger than Stamford, shutting off the works unless the workers' demands are met. The GI will not be sapped into breaking strikes from the way they are mobilizing against Truman's screw and misleading policy. It boils down to a point that whoever thinks the workers are fools has the shoe on the wrong foot.

R. E. GOFORTH

Sees Leftovers Of Revisionism

Editor, Daily Worker:

I have noted several ways of theorizing by members and leaders in our party which I consider improper and fundamentally incorrect. Among these are:

A tendency among some of them to shout Trotskyite to other members who are not Trotskyites. I believe this weakness to indulge in this type of idle, unfounded, destructive criticism is due to the fact that they are groping in the dark regarding a proper course of action, and use the accusation as a means of evading the real issues involved. This, in turn, is a hangover from our revisionist program and is harmful to our Party.

I don't think one should offer criticism without offering a solution to the problem. I believe The Worker should publish an article explaining the basic differences between Trotskyism and Marxism, or a series of articles.

Another type of theory which I consider false is this: We seem to have people who confuse realism with defeatism. These people have fallen in the rut of idealism. Their theory is that others too must look at things through rose-colored glasses; otherwise they will become defeatists. This is a very dangerous attitude and also a part of our revisionism. Such people are afraid to face the situation as it really is. Their faith in humanity has fallen to the extent that they must brace themselves with a hypo shot of idealism in order to carry on.

It seems to me that these people do not have the true Communist understanding. They fail to see that we must look at things as realistically as possible, and that, if the situation is not optimistic, it should spur Communists on to still greater efforts. We must look at things realistically; otherwise we will be unable to arrive at a correct program based on our findings.

R. J. M.

Requests Correct Income Tax Information

Manhattan, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Urge you to print information about income tax and payments for 1945 and help your readers to fill out their forms correctly. It cost myself and sister \$14 interest because we didn't figure our tax correctly in 1944. Hope to save some of our readers this unnecessary burden.

AL WATORSKI

Wants Progressive Cultural Material for Children

Bronx, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I was treated to a 22 carat thrill recently when I arrived home and found my nine-year old daughter singing the great songs of the people and accompanying herself on the piano. Some time ago I had brought home that magnificent little volume, "Songs for America," to acquaint my children with that brave world of freedom fighters created in such songs as "Abraham Lincoln Lives Again," "The Farmer Is the Man," "I Like America," "Dave Doran Song," etc.

In these times of monopoly-sponsored confusion and division, progressives must not undervalue the inspiration and enlightenment to be found for children in such books as "Songs for America," published by the Workers Library.

SAM R.

Asks Writing Craft Improved

Manhattan, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The Daily Worker and The Worker are invaluable tools and instruments. The pen is aptly used and given elbow room for ample circulation is more powerful than the brandished sword. This instrument must be kept keen and sharp and wielded by the most skilled craftsmanship.

It is fully realized that criticism is easier than accomplishment and this is not written with insolent arrogance but with a sense of humility. However, all personal sympathies must perforce set aside in considering how the general efficiency of an "instrument" can be improved to do the work for which it is intended. In perusing the pages of a recent issue of The Worker it strikes me that its articles are extremely poor. Occasionally we have quite an excellent issue. But in this issue few of the articles have much interest for an active mind viewing the present situation of chaos in the United States. Something should be done to improve the editions of The Worker and get better writers into action. In trying to size up what is wrong, the following is the impression that I get.

The style lacks pep, fire, force. It is too trite, apathetic and complaisant. With people burning with anger at all that is going on in Washington, we get "milk-toast" editions. We say little to activate a worker's mind to the realization of the present situation which is a very dangerous fascist one in prospect. We have an "instrument" but instead of using it effectively to the full extent of forceful English language we are only making motions with it in mid-air.

Mike Gold was quite right in complaining of "academic language" of the polite drawing room, and the suggestion is good that the writers for the DW go to a library and study the old copies of "The Appeal to Reason" to get ideas of writing style that appeals to workers struggling to keep their families alive in a black market while walking freezing picket lines. The DW is not a college campus paper. It must hit hard between the eyes and call a spade a spade. The era of padded boxing gloves is over, an era of excessive timidity is outmoded.

We'd better get busy on widespread education in theory, or practice in the future is going to walk blindfold. Let us not waste time, and every effort and motion should be effectively and easily understood. Cold words do not warm the hands in the chaos of winter's reaction. A little fire may be small, but like that from a blow-torch it may be hot.

B. R.

U. S.-Britain: A Greedy Alliance

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

It is interesting that though Britain and the USA are imperialist rivals and suffer the contradictions in their relations that this implies, yet there is a point of link-up at which they can cooperate for their common imperialist gain. It is the point where one will give up something that it possesses in order to involve the other in guaranteeing that which remains. A good illustration of this can be found in the Middle East, where Britain has involved America so that Britain's position may better be maintained. Writing in the Herald Tribune of Jan. 5, Ned Russell noted:

"Behind Bevin's move is an evident twofold maneuver to check the threat of Russian influence in the Middle East and at the same time to strengthen Britain's position there by adding to American commitments in the area in

much the same way as the United States is now committed alongside Britain in solving the Palestine problem."

In the same spirit, though in a different form, the use of American weapons (without labels of course) and British soldiers to maintain the Dutch in Indonesia and the French in Indo-China has the same purpose. It is to maintain the status quo of colonial relations, within which one imperialist power seeks to undermine the other.

These tactics are quite similar to those of Al Capone's, who divided the Chicago district for the purpose of criminal exploitation, with his leading underworld competitor, to the exclusion of all encroaching gangsters. Being like-minded "gentlemen" they could make such a deal as they sought, with complete morality, to push or wipe each other out in the hope of exclusive exploitation.

It is the lack of this type of morality and social etiquette which makes the Soviet Union an "enigma" to the imperialists. In the same article Ned Russell also wrote:

"The British try to figure out what Russia wants. If they thought Moscow would settle for certain oil concessions in northern Iran, they would probably agree readily and let it go at that."

Then this is what the fine moral indignation of America (with her hand on China's throat) and Britain (dripping with Indonesian and Greek blood) boils down to. It isn't that the Soviet Union "interferes" in the internal affairs of Iran that outrages them. The exact reverse is true. It is the refusal of Russia to underwrite imperialism, to incriminate herself into uneasy alliance with Britain and America by staining herself, as they have done, with the blood of the colonial pawns. SOL SIEGEL.

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Purely Commercial?

"PURELY Commercial" is the way the State Department alibis the sale of American planes to the fascist Franco.

Neither American morality nor American national interest can accept that.

Franco was put into power by America's enemies, Hitler and Mussolini. During America's life and death struggle with the Axis, Franco sent troops to aid the Germans.

The evidence at the Nuernberg trials shows that Franco was carrying on secret deals with Berlin, giving all kind of material aid, and even planning to join the war on Germany's side if he could find the right moment.

Franco feels his regime tottering. He is redoubling his reign of terror and executions. He has just sentenced to death Christino Garcia Granda, commander of the French Forces of the Interior. Garcia helped Americans fight to free France. Now Franco has decided to murder him.

And America bolsters this blood-soaked tyranny with "purely commercial" relations.

Countries that fought side by side with us, as the Soviet Union, or the new European democracies like Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, and others, find the greatest difficulty getting "purely commercial relations" with us. Franco has no such trouble. Why? Why do we not keep our Potsdam pledge to treat Franco as a war criminal?

Public opinion here must raise an outcry against these shameful things.

They Held Their Ground

PACKINGHOUSE workers return to work this morning after one of the most inspiring and solid strikes in the history of America's working class.

The final hours of the walkout saw picket lines bigger than at any time during the strike. This was a demonstration of both the determination of the workers and their ability to fight on if need be.

The leaders of the CIO union earned the confidence of the workers as their real champions. They did not succumb to pressure. They profited from the bitter experience of the oil workers who went back to government-seized refineries only to find that they were required to work at old rates of pay.

By holding their ground, the CIO packinghouse workers won an assurance from the government that the recommendations of the fact-finding committee, expected some time this week, will be put into effect by the government. Furthermore, they are not calling off their strike against the packers. They will be ready to press their demand for the remainder of the 25 cents an hour while negotiating.

As for the leaders of the AFL's Amalgamated Meat Cutters, they will be remembered for what amounts to a strikebreaking role. They called a parallel strike in the first place because they knew that they cannot hold back their own members. Their effort to gain favoritism by ordering their members back unconditionally, was certainly not in the interest of the AFL workers.

The whole country now knows that one of the big pillars of the labor movement is based on the packinghouses of America. Despite the press propaganda blaming the strikers for the threat to the meat supply, the general public was with the strikers. Farmers of many areas, despite hardships they faced because of the strike, gave expression of their support with truckloads of food, financial strike relief and messages of sympathy.

Perhaps most significant of all was the great part the large percentage of Negro workers had in the strike. Unquestionably, this union emerges as the outstanding organization of Negro-white solidarity.

Having gone through their strike baptism with flying colors, the CIO packinghouse workers are now in position to make new progress. But the key is maintenance of solid ranks and vigilance. Only by a display of strength will they impress the fact-finders and the packers. Any sign of strife in their ranks will mean less in their pay envelopes and weakened protection for their jobs and working conditions.

NON-MILITARY?



Views on Labor News

The AFL's New Boss

by George Morris

JOHN L. LEWIS is speeding to Miami, where the executive council of the AFL is in session, to assume his new role as boss of the AFL. He is not taking old Bill Green's place—not yet. He has agreed to take the modest 11th vice-presidency.

But when Lewis joins the other 14 old boys, they will truly be able to dance around the table and sing "Hail, hail, the gang's all here."

Czar Bill Hutcheson over the carpenters; Matt Woll, the NAM boy who parades as an "engraver"; George Harrison, boss of the dictatorial Railway Clerks machine; Dave Dubinsky, a totalitarian in social democratic clothes; G. M. Bugniet and Ralph Bates, star fixers of affairs with building employers—they'll all be there.

Mamma Green welcoming the long-prodigal son back to the "House of Labor" expressed the feeling that John L.'s return is progress towards "unity and solidarity." But the fact that Lewis takes the 11th vice-presidency, the place vacated by Harvey Brown, president of the Machinists, hardly sustains Green's feeling. Lewis' UMW only fills the hole left by the departing 600,000 machinists.

The Plan Goes Through

Some weeks ago we ventured to predict in this column the very events that have occurred. We then put together details of the scheme in which Dubinsky and Woll had a principal part, to get rid of the disagreeable machinists from the AFL and clear the path for Lewis. We also drew attention to the problem of an AFL president.

Seventy-two-year-old Green,

despite his vigorous denial when someone asked him if he planned to resign soon, isn't so permanently set. Real power and an unquestioned voting majority are now firmly in the hands of the most reactionary clique in the AFL. Lewis is the most vigorous and dynamic force among them. He will not be anything less than their leader. Green, although he may continue to be the figurehead will, in effect, be the Charlie McCarthy for this group.

The principal base for this reactionary combination is a number of powerful AF unions whose bloc of votes is sufficient to control conventions. Their orientation is close collaboration with big business, especially through the National Association of Manufacturers, on a policy of joint action against the CIO and progressives within the AFL; to discourage organization of the mass production industries and unskilled workers; promotion of capital-labor collaboration on the pattern of the 1920's and support of an imperialist and anti-Soviet policy abroad.

War on the CIO Main Object

It is not without reason that Lewis enters the AFL with his District 50 "catch-all" baggage intact. Here and there a jurisdictional adjustment will be made, with Lewis agreeing not to enter a certain field dominated by one of his newly-acquired friends. In the main, he is wanted in the AFL to spearhead raiding expeditions against CIO unions. In short, the entrance of Lewis into the AFL is a signal for a renewed war upon the CIO. Green already key-noted the next period by his strikebreaking red-baiting attacks upon the CIO from his Miami hotel room.

Lewis carries with him another value for the AFL. He has agents, or supporters in certain CIO unions. On occasions during the

war we have seen how some of these groups within the CIO have expressed solidarity with Lewis. Dubinsky, who was the first to confer with Lewis on his plans to get back to the AFL, also has friends in the CIO.

The Phony Unity Policy

Both Lewis and Dubinsky are now working to exploit their connections in the CIO. They play principally on opposition to President Philip Murray's policies. If you want to know who they are, just list the names of those in the CIO who consistently link up with Dubinsky in various enterprises under the guise of "AFL-CIO unity."

There is one element in the picture upon which these gentlemen miscalculated. The main part of their plan required that the CIO should break its neck in a struggle with the trusts. These vultures with union labels were to come in for the kill and pick off the CIO pieces.

Far from being a meek defensive child, the CIO has already proved itself an aggressive fighter, and took the initiative in the wage struggle. The CIO is winning the highest wage raises in history, while the misleaders who run the AFL are still boasting that they don't have strikes. The theory of the AFL mossbacks that CIO unions won't be able to stand a real struggle is being shattered. The CIO will emerge out of this struggle more powerful than ever. And the CIO's success is already undermining the AFL fakery among their own rank and file.

It seems however, that the more evident the defeat the more desperate do the AFL reactionaries become. We know them well from the past. They will resort to open strikebreaking against the CIO without the least regard for consequences. The next period will be a difficult test, especially for honest unionists within the AFL.

Spellman 'Sells' Franco in U. S., Soviets Charge

By HENRY SHAPIRO
United Press Staff Correspondent

MOSCOW, Jan. 27 (UP).—The official publication Izvestia asserted today that the Vatican was trying to spread "reactionary" policies throughout the world through its selection of 32 new cardinal-designates, and accused Archbishop Francis J. Spellman, of New York, of over-friendliness toward the Franco regime in Spain.

Izvestia is the official organ of the Presidium of the Supreme Council of the Soviet Union. The dispatch discussing the new cardinals, who will be named formally at a February consistory in Vatican City, was written by commentator Dimitri Petrov.

The publication said that the appointment of an unusual number of non-Italians to the College of Cardinals "spells the Vatican's new orientation on reactionary circles of other countries."

It asserted that English Archbishop Bernard Griffin of Westminster, "acquired notoriety by slanderous speeches against the Soviet Union, even in the moment of the most difficult struggle of the British and Soviet peoples with Nazi Germany. He opposed the Yalta agreements regarding Poland and openly supported the traitors to the Polish people in General (Wladyslaw) Anders' band. He repeatedly spoke against peoples' democracies in liberated countries."

Anders was a leader of the no longer recognized London Polish regime, which the Soviet Union accused of fascist tendencies.

"An analogous role was played by Spellman . . . who is actively carrying out the Vatican's policy in trying to persuade the American people to accept (Generalissimo Francisco) Franco," Izvestia continued.

"This new cardinal did his utmost to defend the Vatican when the latter, one year after Japan's treacherous attack at Pearl Harbor, and in spite of the countless crimes of Japanese imperialism, benevolently received the Japanese ambassador."

Izvestia said that "special attention is due the fact that among the new Cardinals there are many connected with Latin-America and one way or another tied up with Franco Spain." It quotes the "Spanish News Letter" of London as asserting that the Spanish Cardinal-designates were named in compliance with an



CARDINAL-DESIGNATE
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agreement between the Vatican and Franco in 1941.

"The Vatican appointed three German Cardinals in order to aid reactionary Catholic groups which are trying to save the remnants of fascism from full destruction," Izvestia asserted.

"The simultaneous appointment of four American and six Latin-American Cardinals shows the Vatican's efforts to spread its tentacles to the American continent where it intends to exploit for its own reactionary purposes the extremely influential position of the Catholic Church. . . .

"But one can confidently expect that broad, democratic groups will

not be deceived by the talk of an allegedly new phase of the Vatican's policy which is only intended to camouflage the genuinely reactionary and pro-fascist activity of very many of the new Cardinals."

Appointments showed themselves as "new moves as part of a great political maneuver intended to improve the Vatican's position in the international arena," Izvestia asserted.

"The distribution of cardinals among so many countries and their past activities indicate that the new cardinals have a substantial record of service to reaction and are well suited for the role of executors of the Vatican's universally-known reactionary policies."

Izvestia said the appointment of four cardinals from the United States and one each from Canada, England and Australia was an effort to increase Vatican "influence" in Anglo-Saxon countries.

In addition to criticizing Griffin and Spellman by name, Izvestia singled out German, Polish and Hungarian cardinals designates for attacks.

It said that Bishop Conrad von Preysing of Berlin and Bishop Clement August von Galen of Munster "are well known for denying Germany's war guilt and opposing measures intended for the decisive eradication of German fascism."

Archbishop Adam Stefano Sapieha of Cracow, it said, "stands behind clerical circles defending Polish reaction and opposing the democratization of Poland. . . ."

Izvestia said that Archbishop Joseph Mindszenty of Esztergom, Hungary, "recently issued a pastoral letter packed with lies and defamation of the young Hungarian democracy."



Aid for Hunger Victims: Rev. Samuel H. Sweeney (right), Pastor of St. Marks Methodist Church, presents a check for \$100 to Max Yergan, Executive Director of the Council on African Affairs, in the fund drive being conducted by the Council to aid African famine victims in South Africa.

Africa Famine Aid Sent U. S. GROUPS SHIP \$1,000, 52 Cases of Food

The African Food Fund in Cape Town, South Africa, the organization directly responsible for distribution of relief supplies in famine areas, has been cabled \$1,000 by the

Council on African Affairs, Max Yergan, executive secretary, said yesterday. He said 52 big cases of canned food are headed for South Africa.

These supplies are a part of those raised in the campaign which opened in Harlem two weeks ago at the Abyssinian Baptist Church. Paul Robeson and Marian Anderson were among the main speakers. Mr. Robeson is chairman of the Council on African Affairs, headquarters at 23 W. 26th St.

Dr. Yergan said the congregation of four churches in New York City contributed amounts from \$100 to \$200. They were the Union Congregational, the St. Marks Methodist, the Church of the Master and

the Victory Baptist Church, The St. Phillips Episcopal Church and the Holy Trinity Baptist Church contributed food.

School children have also taken a hand in collecting food, it was reported. Many individual contributions have been received both from ordinary and prominent persons.

The campaign is being carried forward on a nationwide basis under the auspices of a Sponsors Committee for South African Famine Relief. In addition to Robeson and Miss Anderson, the committee includes William Jay Schieffelin, Edith C. Field and all other members of the Council on African Affairs, and leading trade-union, political and religious personalities.

Probe GI Clue in Child Murder

CHICAGO, Jan. 27 (UP).—Investigation of the kidnap-slaying of Suzanne Degnan awaited completion tonight of an Army investigation to determine the whereabouts of a soldier whose name and serial number correspond to those on a handkerchief found near the child's home.

As the investigation neared the end of the third week, the Police Department's principal remaining clues had dwindled to the handkerchief, bearing the laundry mark, "3168, S. Sherman," and fingerprints found on the ransom note for \$20,000 found in Suzanne's bedroom.

The six-year-old child was kidnaped three weeks ago tomorrow from the bedroom of her northside home, then strangled and dismembered. Her head, legs and torso were found in four different catch basins in the neighborhood.

FOREIGN BRIEFS

British GIs Strike

BRITISH GIS STRIKE: RAF ground crew men went on strike in Singapore demanding "Ships for Blighty; not for Java." Shouts of protest greeted Air Marshal Sir Keith Park when he told 4,000 men that he had recommended reduction of overseas duty tours for single men from three years and six months to three years. . . . In Lumbadam near Calcutta, 1,200 RAF non-coms struck; an RAF stoppage at Colombo, Ceylon, entered its third day Saturday; a three-day strike at Kaarachi, India, ended Friday; at Lydda, Palestine, 700 went on strike and 700 more near Cairo ended a stoppage Saturday.

KOREAN PROTEST: Two members of Kim Koo's right wing "provisional government" in Korea walked out on the preparatory committee for the Emergency Political

Congress in protest against Kim's adamant refusal to accept leftwing representation.

ACCORD ON KURILES: Moscow radio said that agreement had been reached at Yalta that after victory the Kurile Islands, northeast of Japan would be handed over to the USSR, and southern Sakhalin and adjacent islands returned to the USSR. Undersecretary of State Dean Acheson recently said he thought only agreement on occupation had been reached by the Big Three.

HIT LOAN: Greek leftists, cited in New York Times, are indignant that the recently announced \$40,000,000 British loan to Greece carries a provision for British "economic advisers" on the financial board. This is foreign intervention in Greek affairs, they warn.

NOT YET PURGED: The neo-fascist Uomo Qualunque—"Common Man"—movement in Italy will run candidates in forthcoming national elections, its founder, Guglielmo Giannini, announced. Italian progressives warn that the movement, with its program of opposition to "politics" and its demand that the purge of fascist be halted, is sharply reminiscent of Mussolini's black-shirts on the eve of the March on Rome.

United Fight on U. S. Imperialism Urged by Venezuelan CP Head

CARACAS, Venezuela, Jan. 27 (UP).—An appeal to Latin-American workers to unite to "force the United States to return to the good neighbor policy" was made tonight by Juan Bautista Fuenmayor, secretary general of the Venezuelan Communist Party, in a speech opening the Party's national convention. He charged that President Harry S. Truman "is returning to the policy of Hoover, Vandenberg, Taft and other industrial barons," and that American imperialism is clashing with British imperialism throughout Latin-America.

This, he said, was the reason behind U. S. Assistant Secretary of State Spruille Braden's policy against the present regime.

Fuenmayor's speech was given unusual significance since it was understood to embody the conclusions of three members of the Venezuelan Communist political bureau just returned from a trip of consultation with Communist leaders in other Latin-American countries.

Urges Shipbuilding Delay Until Atom Test
HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 27 (UP).—Chairman Brien McMahon (D-Conn.), of the Senate Committee on Atomic Energy suggested tonight that the Navy delay construction of surface vessels until after the atomic bomb tests in the Marshall Islands. The Navy and Army Air Forces plan to try atomic bombs against surface ships in May and July. McMahon urged that civilians be placed in control of the experiment. Civilian control of all atomic energy should be voted as quickly as possible, McMahon added in a radio address.

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Clothing Shortage Caused By Wage Shakedown

You can't get cotton clothes you need because cotton textile manufacturers are "deliberately withholding" production, Emil Rieve, president of the CIO Textile Workers Union, charged yesterday.

Cotton mills refuse third shift operations because they have to pay five-cents-an-hour premium to workers, Rieve told the Small Business Committee of the U. S. Senate.

He said a manpower shortage in the industry was due exclusively to manufacturers' refusal to pay proper wages, and that many mills are closed by strike because they defy War Labor Board orders.

There is enough cotton, there are enough spindles and there are enough workers to man cotton textile mills and produce all that's needed, Rieve added.

He told Sen. James E. Murray (D-Mont.), committee chairman, that 60,000 needed to fill jobs in the industry, would take them if higher wages were offered. Mills paying a higher scale have increased their production, while those continuing on low scales are lagging, the union head said.

Twenty-five percent of the country's denim looms are shut by strikes because employers refuse a proper wage and some mills boast that the government's tax policy underwrites mill profits, the committee was told.

UE Vets Back GM Strike As Fight for U.S. Ideals

Special to the Daily Worker

DAYTON, Jan. 27.—Veterans of General Motors electrical and radio plants are "sticking with the union." A mass meeting of ex-servicemen pledged full support to the strike of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union, CIO, last Thursday.

The Joint Veterans Committee, representing seven Dayton locals of the UE, inserted large newspaper ads telling why vets support this strike.

"What did we fight for?" the ads ask.

Then it gives the answer:

"For the right to live as decent Americans. For jobs at home at de-

cent pay. For decent homes. For all the opportunities for our kids that this country could afford. In a word—Security."

Army veteran Gene Snow and Navy veteran Carl Matthews are chairman and secretary, respectively, of the committee.

"We just found when we got home," the ad stated, "that the fighting wasn't all over. We're finishing up the job now."

Nazi Propaganda in GI Ranks

(Continued from Page 4)

Army rarely reached the men in the ranks. Sometimes I think I was the only man who ever read the excellent publications put out by the Information and Education Department of the Seventh Army. My division, the 100th, was in the Seventh. I met many men from the 36th, the 45th, the 3rd, the 63rd, the 42nd, the 44th and others who fought with the Seventh. None of them had ever heard the viewpoint of the educational program. All of them had been subjected to direct German propaganda.

I remember when one specific issue of the Chicago Tribune came to our company. There was a long editorial attacking the GIs and the army for sponsoring what we called the "Tally-ho" operation. This was an organized search of German homes for contraband, arms and propaganda. The Tribune said our efforts to suppress Nazism was brutal and uncalled for.

The U. S. Army authorities succumbed to the pressure of the pro-

fascist press and agencies in the States. They failed to carry out the anti-fascist educational program.

Documentary evidence had been discovered exposing the instruction that the Nazis passed on to their members as U. S. troops approached. They told them to play on racial and religious prejudices among the troops. They emphasized splitting us from our Allies.

Right now there is an organized movement in the American zone in Germany to spread the word among GIs that war with the Soviet Union is inevitable. The Army has done nothing to counteract this propaganda.

Reports from Germany show there are many anti-Semitic army officers who make the Nazi job much easier. Officers, shot through with prejudice against Negroes, facilitate the work of the Hitlerites.

Three hundred thousand Americans died to rid the world of fascism. Can we allow that fascism to infiltrate within our own army and among our own people?

Husband Admits Torso Murder

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 26 (UP).—Arthur Eggers, 52, a sheriff's clerk, tonight confessed that he murdered his wife, cut off her head and hands, and threw her mutilated corpse into a ravine on Rim-of-the-World highway in San Bernardino County.

Eggers had been questioned steadily since his arrest last week when police noticed a discrepancy between a missing-persons report he made on his wife and her actual description.

Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz said tonight that Eggers, who had survived a lie-detector test with perfect composure, had finally broken

down under the constant barrage of questions.

A group of sheriff's officers were on their way to San Bernardino County tonight to recover the head and hands, which Biscailuz said Eggers admitted cutting off and burying in a canyon near where his wife's body was found Jan. 2 by two motorists.

1,068,388—U.S. Casualties in War

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (UP).—World War II cost the United States 1,068,388 casualties, about four times the toll of World War I.

Latest tabulations place American dead at 283,149. This is expected to be nearer 300,000 in the final accounting because there is little chance the approximately 16,000 men still listed as missing by the Army and Navy will be found alive.

Dr. Cole Named Amherst President

AMHERST, Mass., Jan. 27 (UP).—Dr. Charles Woolsey Cole, 39-year old history professor at Columbia University, has been appointed president of Amherst College to succeed Stanley King who retires, July 1 after holding the position 14 years, it was announced tonight.

Cole, his wife and two young daughters live in Englewood, N. J.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (UP).—The Civilian Administration is investigating reports that nylons are being exported in large quantities to Mexico and other Latin American countries and sold at fabulous prices—while the girls at home go bare-legged.

What happened to the rayon stockings? Hosiery manufacturers have been able to get little, if any, rayon yarns since government controls were lifted after V-J Day. The yarn now is going into yard goods and for other uses.

Max Schenke, head of the CPA stocking branch, said women can look forward to having some real

silks stockings again by the end of this year. Meanwhile, he said, nylon production, which rose to 2,000,000 dozen pairs in December, is expected to be 2,500,000 dozen in January, February, and March.

Latest figures show that 151,116 pairs of nylons were exported through Nov. 30, mostly to Mexico and Cuba where they may be sold without price control and reportedly bring \$15 or more a pair.

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It's so pleasant to report that Larry G. C. MacPhail ate a little crow over the weekend before the combined onslaught of every baseball writer in the city.

The Great Character got his lumps but good.

It all started last Tuesday when the Yankee boss blithely informed a press conference that he was taking one squad with him to Panama for a month of Spring training. The team's roster was to be limited to all the established Yankee stars such as DiMaggio, peppery Phil Rizzuto, Joe Gordon, Tommy Henrich and others who'll unquestionably comprise the Bombers' varsity lineup on the day they shout Play Ball.

Now all this sounded like a swell stunt to the baseball writers. That is, it did until MacPhail informed them through publicity man Red Patterson (Larry couldn't seem to make the press tete a tete that afternoon) that only three scribes would be allowed to make the Panama jaunt. And those writers were to be representatives of the wire services such as UP, AP and INS press associations.

And we're sooo happy, MacPhail's man told the local scribes, that you boys will be on hand to watch our umpty-billion rookies go through their paces in Florida!

Well, what poor Red Patterson, who used to do a bit of baseball writing himself for the Herald Trib, had to take from the assembled audience shouldn't happen to a you-know-what. And that was only the beginning. The writers teed off in print the next day with as lovely a barrage against MacPhail as you'd ever wanna read. And justifiably so. Here some of the greatest names in baseball were going to don diamond uniforms for the first time in three years—and nobody but the three wire service reporters were going to be there to write home about it.

The net result was that our Great and Unlovely Character had to personally answer to the writers at a Friday press conference. And MacPhail's answer was most penitent and satisfactory, it's our glad pleasure to report. For he was compelled to go into reverse and tell the working press just how glad he would be to have them come along to Panama.

Just goes to show you what a little organized pressure can do. Now if only those same scribes would line up as solidly and demand that MacPhail end the Jimcrow ban on his team. . . .

And isn't it time that all of us, trade unions and progressives from every walk of life, apply the screws to MacPhail anew and demand that he in turn apply some simple elementaries of democracy to that baseball club of his?

Let's all of us draw a lesson from what happened to the high-and-mighty Yankee owner in regard to that Panama issue. MacPhail can be made to eat a second portion of crow—by a united front against Jimcrow.

First Postwar Title Tilt

Boxing's first post-war title fight will be staged at Madison Square Garden this Friday night, with welterweight "champion" Freddie Cochrane facing Marty Servo in a bout that opens the busiest program of championship competition in the sport's history.

After the red-headed ex-sailor risks his 147-pound crown against aggressive Servo of Schenectady, N. Y., champions in the other seven divisions of the fight game must answer the bell (or forfeit their titles) in a parade of combats featured by the Joe Louis-Billy Conn tilt at Yankee Stadium, June 19.

After the Cochrane-Servo welter scrap, the next scheduled title brawl brings together Bob Montgomery of Philadelphia and Ike Williams of Trenton, N. J., at the Garden on March 22 to decide the undisputed world lightweight championship. Montgomery is recognized as title-holder by New York State, and Williams by the National Boxing Association.

Negotiations are under way for a similar title-clarifying tilt between Willie Pep of Hartford, Conn., and Sal Bartolo of Boston—rival featherweight "champions." Pep is New York's champ, and Bartolo has the N.B.A. blessing.

Meanwhile little Manuel Ortiz of El Centro, Calif., is recovering from a broken hand on the west coast. As soon as he can begin belting with his mauls, he is expected to defend the bantamweight 118 pound diadem against Luis Castillo at San Francisco.

Jackie Patterson of Glasgow, Scotland, world flyweight champ must defend his 112-pound crown soon against Theo Medina of France, who defeated him recently in a non-title bout at Paris.

There's a unique angle to Friday night's Cochrane-Servo encounter that doubtless will not be present in the other championship battles. Servo has guaranteed Cochrane \$50,000 if Jersey Red loses the title. Although the bout is expected to attract about 17,000 fans and a gate of \$90,000, Servo probably will wind up owing himself money if he wins the crown. Moreover, Servo faces the gloomy certainty of losing his prospective title in its first defense, for the Cochrane-Servo winner is contracted to defend at the Garden on May 24 against the great Ray Robinson, generally recognized as the best all-round fighter in any division today. The New York Commission forced Cochrane and Servo to sign for this Robinson bout before approving their meeting on Friday.

THE ROUNDUP

The Detroit Tigers' outfield problem was slightly eased yesterday with the news that their 1941 rookie star, Pat Mullin, is just about ready to swap Army khaki for a Bengal uniform.

Mullin, an Army lieutenant with 46 months of service, conferred with the Tigers' management over the weekend and it's believed he'll be officially signed up shortly.

Another Detroit figure, the veteran Charley Gehringer, announced yesterday that he was retiring from all baseball activity. The former great second-sacker who played in the Detroit infield for 18 years, was recently discharged from the Navy. Gehringer's last season with the Tigers was as player-coach in 1942. But yesterday he told manager George Trautman that he plans to devote all his time now to business interests.

Gehringer has an all-time batting average of .321 to his credit. He rapped out 2,839 base-hits in 8,858 times at bat during his career. He batted .321 in the three World Series and batted out a .500 average for six All-Star games. Gehringer was named top major league second baseman in 1929, 1930, 1935, '36, '37, '39 and 1941.

So it's so-long to one of the best ever.

General Manager Eddie Collins of the Boston Red Sox announced yesterday the signing of Pete Fox, 37-year old veteran right-fielder.

The Detroit Lions have signed four more players to 1946 contracts and revealed yesterday that they still plan to bring court action against Frankie Sinkwich in an effort to prevent him from playing with the New York Yankees in the All-America League.

Pop Shots and Dribbles

There'll Be Plenty Hoop Thrills Soon

by Phil Gordon

Hoop fans are in a dither just contemplating the two stellar basketball attractions due at Madison Square Garden on Feb. 9 and March 30 respectively. Coming up first will be the keenly anticipated NYU-

Notre Dame clash two weeks hence and then there'll be the March 30 East-West All-Star basketball game—the first event of its kind in hoop history.

Notre Dame, which hopes to keep its record unsullied for its Garden debut, had quite a scare against Kentucky Saturday night—but the Irish managed to stave off a Rambler rally to triumph 56-47. It was Notre Dame's 12th consecutive victory.

Another Saturday night hoop highlight saw Harry Boykoff lead an underdog St. John's quintet to a thrilling 57-54 victory over Temple University. Coach Joe Lapchick's crew soared to a 35-25 halftime lead solely on the superb marksmanship of Big Boykoff, who tallied 22 points in the initial period and rocked up a 28-total for the evening.

Boykoff was unstoppable in his greatest performance thus far since donning his GI uniform. Yes, Temple double-guarded the St. John's center but it was all for naught as Boykoff's shooting from the bucket, his hook shots from underneath, his lay-ups and free tosses, almost turned the game into a rout in the first frame.

But Temple, a noted second-half outfit, blazed back after intermission-time and almost won out. After an uphill fight the Owls tied the score at 49-all with slightly more than six minutes remaining.

(Boykoff had been out for a breather, during most of the time that Temple came back.)

But the Redmen regained the lead on a set shot by Franny Frascella—and though pressed by a closely-played Temple defense, they were never headed. Boykoff went out on personals one minute before the game ended.

The outcome was determined when Max Zaslofsky cliked with four fouls and Tommy Larkin came through with a field goal.

The March 30 East-West All-Star shindig for the Tribune Fresh Air Fund, will see the nation's top performers in action on the Garden floor.

The two sectional squads will be limited to ten players. Eligible from the West are such great hoopsters as George Mikan of DePaul; Bob Kurland of Oklahoma; Don Otten of Wyoming; Billy Hassett and Leo Klier of Notre Dame, and a host of other Western stars. Of course the East will be ably represented with such outstanding eligibles as Harry Boykoff and Ray Wertis from St. John's; Frank Mangiapane and Sid Tannenbau of NYU; Wyndol Gray of Harvard; George Myers of Dartmouth; Rhode Island's sharp-shooting Ernie Calverly; Bill Budd of Temple; LIU's Jackie Goldsmith, and others.

Yessir, it looks like quite a dream game.

11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF—Fred Waring Show
WJZ—Breakfast With Breneman
WOR—Prescott Robinson, News
WABC—Amanda—Sketch
WMCA—News; Music Box
WQXR—Alma Detlinger, News
11:15-WOR—Tello Test—Quiz
WABC—Second Husband
11:30-WEAF—Barry Cameron—Sketch
WOR—Take It Easy Time
WJZ—Home Edition
WABC—A Woman's Life—Sketch
WQXR—Concert Music
11:45-WEAF—David Harum
WOR—Talk—Victor Lindlahr
WJZ—Ted Malone—Talk
WABC—Aunt Jenny's Stories

NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF—Don Goddard, News
WOR—News Reports
WJZ—Glamour Manor
WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chats
WQXR—News; Luncheon Music
12:15-WEAF—Maggi McNellis—Talk
WOR—Richard Maxwell
WABC—Big Sister
12:30-WEAF—Art Van Damme Quartet
WOR—News; Answer Mar.
WJZ—News; Women's Exchange
WABC—Helen Trent
12:45-WEAF—Music of Manhattan
WABC—Our Gal Sunday
1:00-WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride
WOR—Mealtime Melodies
WJZ—H. R. Baukhage
WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful
WLIR—Clifford Evans
WQXR—News; Midday Symphony
1:15-WJZ—Constance Bennett
WABC—Ma Perkins—Sketch
1:30-WOR—Lopez Orchestra
WJZ—Galen Drake
WABC—Young Dr. Malone—Sketch
WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News
1:45-WEAF—John J. Anthony
WABC—Road of Life—Sketch
WMCA—Studio Orchestra

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF—The Guiding Light
WOR—News; Music
WJZ—John B. Kennedy
WABC—Second Mrs. Burton
WQXR—News; Music
2:15-WEAF—Today's Children
WJZ—Ethel and Albert
WABC—Perry Mason—Sketch
2:30-WEAF—Woman in White
WOR—Queen for a Day
WJZ—Bride and Groom
WABC—Rosemary—Sketch
WQXR—Request Music
2:45-WEAF—Masquerade—Sketch
WABC—Tena and Tim
3:00-WEAF—A Woman of America
WOR—Martha Deane Program
WJZ—Al Pearce Show
WABC—Time to Remember
WQXR—News; Recorded Music
3:15-WEAF—Ma Perkins
WABC—This Is New York
3:30-WEAF—Pepper Young
WOR—John Gambling, News
WJZ—Ladies, Be Seated
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
3:45-WEAF—Right to Happiness
WABC—Landi Trio, Songs
4:00-WEAF—Backstage Wife
WOR—Better Half—Matinee
WJZ—Jack Berch Show
WABC—House Party
WMCA—News; Ray Smith, Songs
WQXR—News; Symphonic Matinee
4:15-WEAF—Stella Dallas—Sketch
WJZ—The Fitzgeralds
4:25-WABC—News Reports

RADIO

WMCA—570 Kc.
WEAF—600 Kc.
WOR—710 Kc.
WJZ—710 Kc.
WNYC—830 Kc.
WABC—880 Kc.
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WEVD—1530 Kc.
WNEW—1130 Kc.
WLIR—1190 Kc.
WHN—1600 Kc.
WOV—1230 Kc.
WNY—1480 Kc.
WQXR—1540 Kc.

4:30-WEAF—Lorenzo Jones
WOR—Jack Dr. Eddy
WJZ—Shelley Wyndans
WABC—Gordon MacRae, Songs
WMCA—News; Music
4:45-WEAF—Young Widder Brown
WJZ—Hop Harrigan
WABC—Feature Story
5:00-WEAF—When a Girl Marries
WOR—Uncle Dea
WJZ—Terry and the Pirates
WABC—School of the Air
WQXR—News; Music
5:15-WEAF—Fertis Faces Life
WOR—Superman
WJZ—Dick Tracy
WMCA—Let's Listen to a Story
WQXR—Today in Music
5:30-WEAF—Just Plain Bill
WOR—Captain Midnight
WJZ—Jack Armstrong
WABC—Cimarron Tavern—Sketch
WMCA—News; Jerry Baker, Songs
WQXR—On Wings of Song
5:45-WEAF—Front Page Farrell
WOR—Adventures of Tom Mix
WJZ—Tennessee Jed—Sketch
WABC—Sparrow and the Hawk
WQXR—Man About Town

6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF—News Reports
WOR—Paul Schubert
WJZ—Kierman's News Corner
WABC—Quincy Howe, News
WMCA—News; Talk; Music
WQXR—News; Music
6:15-WEAF—Serenade to America
WOR—Man on the Street
WJZ—Here's Morgan
WABC—James Carroll, Tenor
6:25-WQXR—News; Dinner Concert
6:30-WOR—Fred Vandeventer
WJZ—News; Sports Talk
WABC—Eileen Farrell, Songs
WMCA—Racing Results
6:40-WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern
6:45-WEAF—Lowell Thomas
WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax
WJZ—Cal Tinney
WMCA—Recorded Music
WABC—The World Today—News
7:00-WEAF—Supper Club, Variety
WJZ—Headline Edition
WABC—Jack Kirkwood Show
WQXR—Lisa Sergio, News
7:15-WEAF—News of the World
WOR—The Answer Man
WJZ—Raymond Swing, News
WABC—Jack Smith Show
WMCA—Five-Star Final
WQXR—Alfredo Seville, Baritone
7:30-WEAF—Red Barber Star Revue
WOR—Frank Singler, News
WJZ—Lone Ranger
WABC—Bob Hawk Show
WMCA—J. Raymond Walsh
WQXR—Treasury of Music
7:45-WEAF—H. V. Kaltenborn
WOR—Sports—Bill Brandt
WHN—Johannes Steel
WMCA—Sid Gary, Songs
8:00-WEAF—Cavalcade of America
WOR—Building Drummond
WJZ—Lum 'n' Abner
WABC—Vox Pop Interviews
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall
8:15-WJZ—Hedda Hopper

8:30-WEAF—Igor Gorin, Baritone
WOR—Sherlock Holmes Adventure
WJZ—The Fat Man—Play, with Jack Smart
WABC—Joan Davis Show
8:55-WABC—Bill Henry, News

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF—Helen Traubel, Soprano
WOR—Gabriel Heatter
WJZ—I Deal in Crime—Play, with William Gargan
WABC—Radio Theater
WMCA—News; Amateur Hour
WQXR—Worldwide News Review
9:15-WOR—Real Life Stories
WQXR—Great Names
9:30-WEAF—Information Please
WOR—Spotlight Bands
WJZ—Paul Whiteman Orchestra
WQXR—Record Rarities
9:55-WJZ—News Reports
10:00-WEAF—Thomas L. Thomas, Baritone; Marie Greene, Songs; Faith Orchestra; Others
WOR—Henry J. Taylor
WJZ—Jimmy Gleason's Diner
WABC—Screen Guild Play
WMCA—News; Boxing Matches
WQXR—News; Opera Favorites
10:15-WOR—John Galt Trio
10:30-WEAF—Doctor I. Q.—Quiz
WOR—Detect-A-Tune
WJZ—String Ensemble
WABC—Crime Photographer
WQXR—String Music
11:00-WEAF—WOR—News; Music
WJZ, WABC—News; Music
WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—News; Symphony Music
12:00-WEAF, WJZ—News; Music
WABC—News; Dance Music
WMCA—News; Music (to 1 a.m.)
WQXR—News Reports

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Eugene Samoilov and Marina Ladygina are starred in the new Soviet film "Six P.M." at the Stanley Theatre. It's a romantic musical about a young Red Armyman who makes a date with his girl for "6 p.m." after the war in Moscow.

Film Front

LEGION OF DECENCY ATTACKS 3 MORE PROGRESSIVE FILMS

by David Platt

THE Catholic Legion of Decency pledge reads as follows: "I condemn indecent and immoral motion pictures and those which glorify crime and criminals. I promise to do all that I can to strengthen public opinion against the production of indecent and immoral films and to unite with all who protest against them. I acknowledge my obligation to form a right conscience about pictures that are dangerous to my moral life. As a member of the Legion of Decency, I pledge myself to remain away from them. I promise further to stay away altogether from places of amusement which show them as a matter of policy."



The great danger of such a vaguely-worded pledge is that it can and has been used by the Catholic hierarchy as a club against adult social films. In 1945 the Legion condemned the distinguished French films *Carnival in Flanders* and *Pepe Le Moko* along with a group of pornographic pictures like *Confessions of a Vice Baron* and *Souls in Pawn*. And only a few weeks ago the executives of decency and morality included the progressive English films *Love on the Dole* and *Thunder Rock* and the American film *Story of GI Joe* on their "objectionable" list, side by side with trash like *Cry of the Werewolf*, *Vampire's Ghost* and *Getting Gertie's Garter*.

Any group that cannot or does not want to distinguish between socially-useful films and pornography needs to be exposed to public examination and discussion. It is criminal to keep silent about it. Especially since the Legion's bias toward American, English and particularly Russian films with something important to say dates back many years. During the war the Catholic hierarchy came out against some of the most outspoken anti-fascist films on the ground that they generated excessive hatred of Nazis. You can see the pattern of their resistance to bold patriotic themes in the following list of films which they have attacked at one time or another:

Silent Enemy (OWI film on venereal disease). The Legion says "sex hygiene and venereal diseases are not fit subjects for the screen."

Fight for Life (Pare Lorenz's childbirth film). "The childbirth scenes are indecent."

Eve of St. Mark (20th-Fox). "Generates excessive hatred toward Germany."

Boy from Stalingrad (Columbia). "Tendency to treat sympathetically a revenge motive and to generate hatred of the enemy as persons rather than hatred of the evil principles motivating such enemies."

The City That Stopped Hitler—Heroic Stalingrad (Soviet). "Tends to incite hatred of the persons of enemies and to be excessively gruesome."

Hangmen Also Die (John Wexley-Fritz Lang). "Involves a series of untruths which are presented as ethically justifiable."

Keeper of the Flame (MGM-D. O. Stewart). "The wife of the American fascist did not warn him that he was in danger, thus contributing to his death."

The North Star (Goldwyn-Lillian Hellman). "Incites hatred of the enemy."

Mission to Moscow (Warners-Joseph E. Davies). "No mention of religion in Russia. Based on only one man's observations."

Passage to Marseilles (Warners). "Treats sympathetically a revenge motive."

Love on the Dole (English). "Condone immorality."

Story of GI Joe (Lester Cowan). "Extremely gruesome."

Thunder Rock (English). "Ethically unhealthy."

Carnival in Flanders (French). "Irreligious and immoral."

What we need in this country is a forward-looking National Film Association which will challenge medieval-minded groups like this that seek to put a brake on America's cultural growth. An association that will reflect the opinions of the great masses who saw nothing objectionable on either political or ethical grounds in any of the films on the Legion blacklist.

Student Night at Schwartz Theatre

As per his annual custom for the past 26 years, Maurice Schwartz has chosen tonight (Monday) as special "student evening," when all students from high schools, colleges, Yeshiva colleges and seminaries are invited to see Dr. Herzl at a reduction of 50 percent.

Martin Wolfson in 'Warsaw Ghetto'

Martin Wolfson, last seen in *Counter-Attack*, will narrate *The Warsaw Ghetto*, music by Sam Morgenstern and text by Harry Granick to be presented by the American Youth Orchestra under the direction of Dean Dixon at Carnegie Hall on the night of Feb. 24.

No Hits, No Runs, Three Errors

By SAMUEL SILLEN

LOUIS CALHERN does a fine acting job as Mr. Justice Holmes in *The Magnificent Yankee*, but his outstanding performance does not rescue Emmet Lavery's new play, which is oppressively static and sentimental.

The Supreme Court Justice, famous for his liberal dissenting opinions, deserved a more exciting stage biography. The real drama of Holmes' life is to be sought in a clash of ideas. Mr. Lavery has chosen instead to write a gentle domestic piece which reminds one of *Life With Father*.

The play covers the period from Theodore to Franklin Roosevelt, 1902-1933. In seven scenes, Holmes visibly ages, but there is no convincing growth of character or country. We get a man of warmth, wit, intellectual skepticism (turning to softness), and a certain gusto for living. In playing the part, Mr. Calhern is vigorous and sympathetic. He commands the stage with as much power and flexibility as the script permits.

But each scene repeats the mood, idea and even the specific actions of the previous scene. The focus is on the domestic happiness enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, and the repetition becomes cloying.

As Mrs. Holmes, Dorothy Gish is attractively sweet and simple within the one-dimensional framework of the part. Fleming Ward plays Henry Adams, who is caricatured here, and Sherling Oliver does the novelist Owen Wister. The one set is by Woodman Thompson. Arthur Hopkins directs the play.

It is not a rewarding evening despite the efforts of Louis Calhern and Dorothy Gish.

THE same reviewers who are cool toward *Deep Are the Roots* and *Home of the Brave* grow ardent when they describe Alfred Lunt and Lynn

Fontanne in *O Mistress Mine*. The Lunts do return with their customary flair for comedy, but they are far behind the times in this play by Terence Rattigan.

Even the charming Lunts—you could cut the Oh's and Ah's with a knife at the Empire Theater—can't hide the fact that *O Mistress Mine* is a gadget to stroke the furs in the front rows. It is rickety and reactionary both.

Sir John Fletcher, British Minister of Tank Production, loves and lives with an attractive widow whose 17-year-old son has "radical" ideas. With a neat absence of discrimination, the author has this youth reading Harold Laski and Palme Dutt in the *Labor Monthly*. The caricatured young man naturally abandons his "ideals" at the end for a five-pound note and a girl friend.

The Tories have come to a pretty pass when they have to console themselves by knocking over a straw boy. What a delightful lark to make fun of "morality" and "the world of the future." This is strictly from Stork Club with dresses by Molyneux.

O Mistress Mine puts me right back in the 1920's, and I must report with rigorous objectivity that the air smells bad. Charm, grace, wit, the comic spirit and all that no doubt, but corny just the same, though unmistakably a treat for the tuxedo contingent.

The Lunts are appealing, but you wonder why they are not more particular.

In Nelly Bly, William Gaxton and Victor Moore do everything but remind you of the good old days when this musical comedy team could keep a bubble in the air for two or three hours. This show deals lavishly with the girl reporter who circled the globe on a speed-record-breaking tour for the *New York World*.

The reviewers' comments are wittier than the book. They include: "A long, long trip around the world"; "Nellie's travels must have been more exciting"; "An obstacle race"; "Eddie Cantor, co-producer was already on his way home to Hollywood."

This reviewer's lot was not a happy one last week.

John Groth's Fine Report On His Experiences in Europe

By LEE LAWSON

One of the talented young artists to come to the fore in recent years is John Groth. In this account of his experiences as an artist-correspondent he proves himself as creative with his pen as with his brush.

Arriving in London during the buzz-bomb blitz, Groth was soon initiated to the sights, sounds and

smells of war. Then came "D" Day and soon after he was with the troops in Normandy. Writing in technicolor, Groth makes the reader relive with him those stirring days when the advance to Paris filled the headlines.

Writing simply, with no pretense at being a historian or an "expert" Groth describes the day-to-day life of the GI with special emphasis on the activities of the correspondents and photographers with whom he lived and worked. Groth likes people, just ordinary guys, and in this respect is reminiscent of the

late Ernie Pyle.

Being an artist, and an excellent one, he has a sensitivity which enables him to get beneath the surface and reveal the truth. His account of the liberation of Paris is a lively piece of reportage and human interest writing.

After a stay in Paris, which included a visit with Picasso, Groth moved on and covered the advance to Germany, including the meeting with the Red Army at the Elbe. Then came his biggest story. By accident, Groth and a fellow correspondent became the first Americans into Berlin.

The book is replete with sketches made during the various campaigns.

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Special to the Daily Worker

Milwaukee, Jan. 27.—A Franco agent, G. Garcia of Madrid, is in this city to get machinery for increasing uranium production in Spain. Uranium is essential to atombomb manufacture. This was exposed by veterans who picketed the swanky Hotel Schroeder where the agent, G. Garcia is staying.

The picket line, which included members of the Milwaukee post of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and veterans of World War II, declared that the agent was shopping for machinery and studying production methods at the equipment necessary to increase

Allis Chalmers Corp. and at Har-nischfeger's.

"These corporations manufacture

production from the Spanish uranium mines," the leaflet distributed by the pickets states.

Nazi atombomb scientists, the

leaflet, stressed were reported working in Spain on atomic energy experiments, using uranium.

Milwaukee police officers interfered with the picket line, halted each picket, demanding names, addresses and show of draft cards.

ASSAULTS POLICE THREAT

Mel J. Heinritz, secretary-treasurer of the Wisconsin State Industrial Union Council, CIO issued a statement condemning the police action.

Heinritz accused the police of

showing "more regard for the comfort of this Franco agent and his peace of mind than they did for the constitution they are sworn to uphold."

The statement demanded "a review of police department policy and personnel . . . with the view of preventing a recurrence of such undemocratic practices."

The CIO leader concluded with a demand that the U. S. "break immediately diplomatic and commercial relations with Franco Spain."

Senator Sore at Filibuster Takes FEPC Fight to People

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 27.—Senator Francis J. Myers (D-Pa.) said today that the filibuster in the Senate is "beginning to try the patience of members of Congress as well as the people throughout the country."

Press Strikers' Jobless Pay Bill in Legislature

Much as the major party leaders would like to avoid it, the State Legislature is certain to be confronted with the strike issue as it swings into its third week today.

Last week the CIO demanded that the seven weeks waiting period for unemployment benefits for strikers be cut out. Under the law, workers who lose their jobs in the usual manner get jobless pay after one week. If they strike, however, they are penalized by having to wait seven weeks.

Assemblyman Leo Isaacson, Bronx American Laborite, indicated yesterday he intended to push for quick action on the CIO plan.

Isaacson said, also, that he would press for action on a proposal to give all striking veterans their unemployment insurance on an equal basis with other workers.

The CIO attack on the waiting period for strikers was provoked by a bi-partisan measure introduced into both houses of the Legislature last week which would increase rebates

to employers from the unemployment insurance fund.

Last year, the Legislature passed a law giving back to industry 60 percent of that year's taxes to the fund if the size of the fund hit a certain figure. This year, they want to make it 75 percent.

With all the benefits the employers are getting from Congress in the form of profits-guarantees and rebates, they also want it from the state fund, the CIO said. It maintained this would aid the monopolies in their fight against granting the workers the 18 1/2 cent increases which government fact-finding bodies have recommended.

The bill to increase rebates was introduced by Sen. Alex Falk, Manhattan Democrat, and Assemblyman Frank Gugino, Buffalo Republican.

Since the question of the Fair Employment Practice Committee Bill has been fully examined in hearings before the Senate Education and Labor Committee, he stated "there was no reason for extended debate now."

He charged furthermore that the "small group of Senators" are "not debating the bill which Senator Chavez brought to the floor but are busy, in this important period, playing the childish parliamentary game of exercising their oratorical skill in a motion to amend the Journal in the Senate."

He further asserted: "The people and Congress are prepared this time for the battle on hand. We are ready to force the hand on these obstructionists. The FEPC must not be defeated. We are not fighting here for an extraordinary measure, not for anything radical. We are fighting to keep a promise made by the men who founded our government. They promised that every man, no matter what his race, creed or color, no matter where his parents were born had in these United States, an equal chance to earn his livelihood. We mean to redeem this promise and make it come true. God willing during this session of Congress."

VA Not to Take 'Extra' Hospitals

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Maj. Gen. Paul R. Hawley said today that he would not alter the Veterans Administration program by taking over all surplus Army hospitals.

Hawley stated that the Administration would take over such hospitals only if "we see prospects of staffing them adequately."

Meanwhile increased applications for veterans hospitals are taxing existing facilities. Immediate construction of hospitals as well as use of all existing Army facilities are needed to cope with the existing needs.

Will Open Books To Proper Body

Helen R. Bryan, executive secretary of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, offered yesterday to open the Spanish relief organization's books and records to the President's War Relief Board.

Miss Bryan was cited for contempt by the House Committee on Un-American Activities Thursday for refusing to submit to investigation by that body, on the grounds that it is not authorized to meddle with relief organizations and had already prejudged the case, in an

Sen. Alben C. Barkley (D-Ky) praised the Soviet Union yesterday because it "denies to no minority the equal opportunities accorded every Soviet citizen."

The Senate majority leader, addressing a luncheon of the American Birobidjan Committee (Ambijan) at the Waldorf Astoria, welcomed the committee's efforts to help Soviet Birobidjan's Jewish population, and decried "efforts to magnify the area of misunderstanding"

between the United States and the USSR.

Feature of the luncheon was presentation by Ambijan of four Diesel generator power units and other equipment to Acting Soviet Consul General Vassily Kazanlev. The equipment, worth over \$100,000, will supply vocational training schools, factory and farm units of the children's settlement in Birobidjan where Ambijan supports 3,500 Jewish orphans and plans to support some 30,000 more.

Rally Demands Dewey Condemn Filibuster

Reps. Vito Marcantonio and Adam Clayton Powell, from Harlem and East Harlem, respectively, outlined to several thousand Harlemites yesterday a strategy for smashing the Senate FEPC filibuster.

Main speakers at a "Smash the Filibuster" mass meeting in the Golden Gate Ballroom, 142nd St. and Lenox Ave., the Congressmen:

● Urged a delegation to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, titular head of the Republican Party, to ask him for an immediate statement condemning the filibuster and supporting the bill for a permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee.

● Called for increased pressure on Sens. Robert Wagner and James Mead to fight for FEPC by fighting for cloture and against the bill's being shunted aside.

"Some critics have said that Sen. Chavez (D-NM) erred in allowing the FEPC to come first on the legislative program of the second session of the 79th Congress," Powell said. "While I do believe that—on the basis of strategy only—the FPC battle should have been left to the House first, I do heartily agree that FEPC legislation as a whole must come first."

Marcantonio said, on the same point:

"It was a mistake to call up FEPC first in the Senate. But since it was called up first there it will have to win there. Under the Senate rules we can keep the bill before that body, if we have a majority. Our

strategy must be to keep the bill before the Senate, no matter how many times cloture fails. In order to shunt the bill aside, it must be done by motion. Then a rollcall must be asked for. That will put those on record who voted to kill fair employment legislation."

Both Powell and Marcantonio showed that the fight for FEPC was not "holding up vital legislation," as some have charged.

"There can be no peace in labor-management disputes, there can be no reconversion (unless to a pseudo-democracy), there can be no full employment, until there is first established a Fair Employment Practices Act," Powell declared. "Democracy has descended to a low level when the all-important time of the nation's principal legislative body is consumed in discussing unfair employment practices."

Lloyd L. Brown, Negro ex-serviceman representing the United Veterans for Equality, pledged his and his buddies' fight for a people's victory on the home front. Arnold Johnson, also a Negro veteran and former secretary of the People's Committee, also spoke.

The audience representing various political parties, voted unanimously:

● To send a delegation to Gov. Dewey.

● To send letters to Sens. Wagner and Mead demanding that they fight harder for FEPC on the floor of the Senate.

● To demand of Rep. Joseph W. Martin, Jr. (R-Mass.) and Wallace H. White, Jr. (R-Me.), minority leaders in the House and Senate, respectively, that they "stop pussy-footing" on FEPC and openly declare themselves for or against.

The mass meeting was held under the auspices of the People's Committee.

Plant for Soviet Penicillin Research to Honor American

Creation of the Hugh Cabot Memorial Fund to establish a penicillin research laboratory and plant in the Soviet Union, was announced yesterday by Dr. Harlow Shapley, director of the Harvard Observatory and chairman of the fund's national committee.

The institution will be the first in the Soviet Union dedicated to an American and bearing his name.

Among the American scientists, doctors, government officials and business and civic leaders sponsor-

ing the project are, Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Thurman W. Arnold, Dr. Charles Kettering, Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, Brig. Gen. Elliot Cutler, Dr. Bela Shick and Igor Sikorsky.

The approximate cost of the Hugh Cabot Memorial Penicillin Research Laboratory and Plant, to be shipped through Russian Relief, will be \$2,000,000. A dinner launching the campaign will be held on Feb. 13, at the Copley-Plaza Hotel, Boston.

Uranite Discoverers Get Stalin Award

LONDON, Jan. 27 (UP).—Radio Moscow said late Saturday night that professors Lerov and Petrcek have been awarded the Stalin prize for achievements in science for 1943 and 1944 "for discovery of the spontaneous disintegration of uranite."

(Uranite is a general term for the uranium phosphates, elements of which produce atomic energy).

The prizes totaled 100,000 rubles and were part of a group of Stalin prizes for achievements in arts, science, inventions and improvements of industrial processes during 1943-44.

Still 45,000 Too Many

P'IPING, Jan. 27 (UP).—Maj. Gen. Keller M. Rockey announced yesterday that Marine strength in North China has dropped from an authorized top of 62,000 to 45,000, and that further cuts have been recommended to Washington.

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